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Ghost Diary
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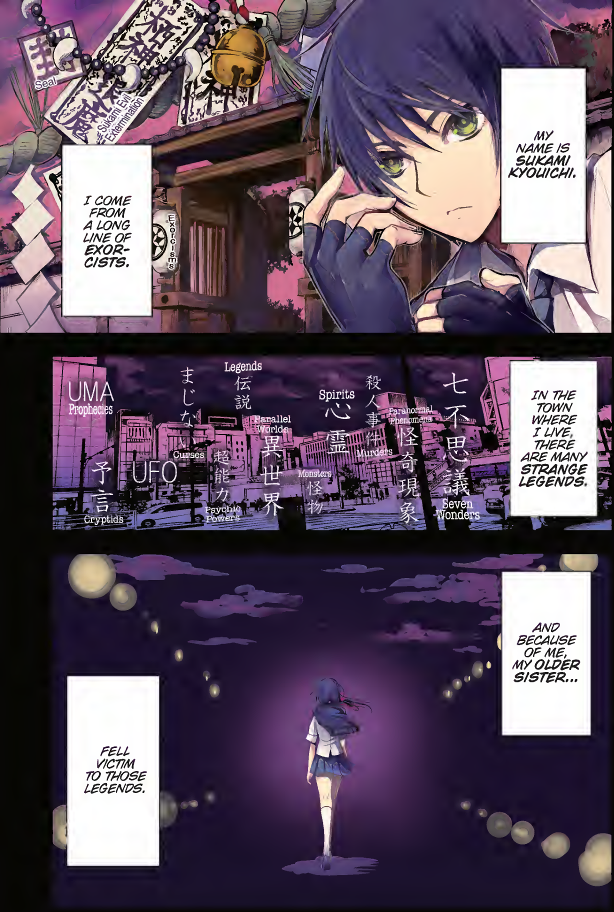
MY NAME IS SUKAMI KYOUICHI.
I COME FROM A LONG LINE OF EXORCISTS.
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Seal
Sukami Evil Extermination
神
Exorcisms
IN THE TOWN WHERE I LIVE, THERE ARE MANY STRANGE LEGENDS.
七不思議
Seven Wonders
殺人事件
Murders
怪奇現象
Paranormal Phenomena
心霊
Spirits
怪物
Monsters
異世界
Parallel Worlds
伝説
Legends
まじない
Curses
超能力
Psychic Powers
UFO
予言
Prophecies
UMA
Cryptids
AND BECAUSE OF ME, MY OLDER SISTER...
FELL VICTIM TO THOSE LEGENDS.

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Today, I me
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memory
wrote a ep
the diary
makes this
Staff
Excepted
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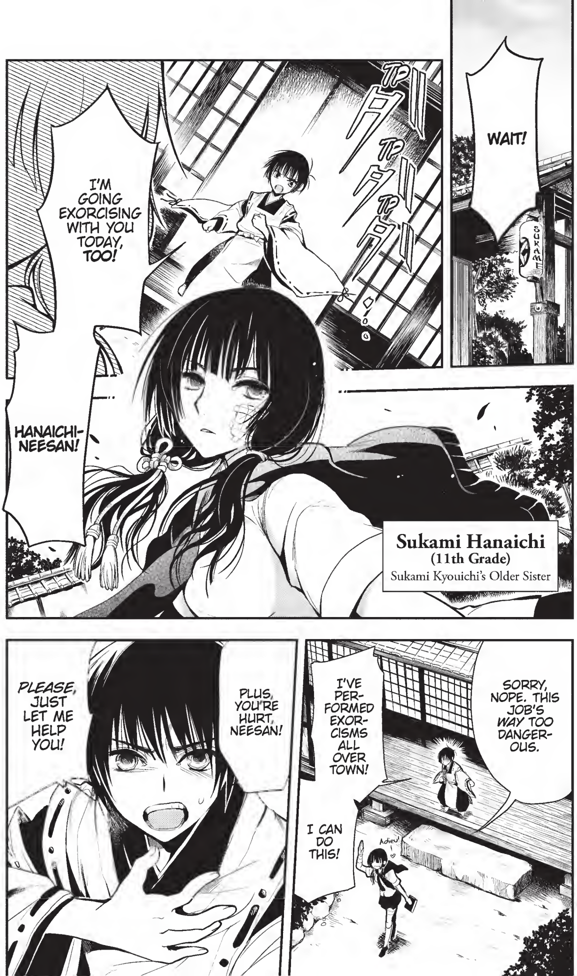
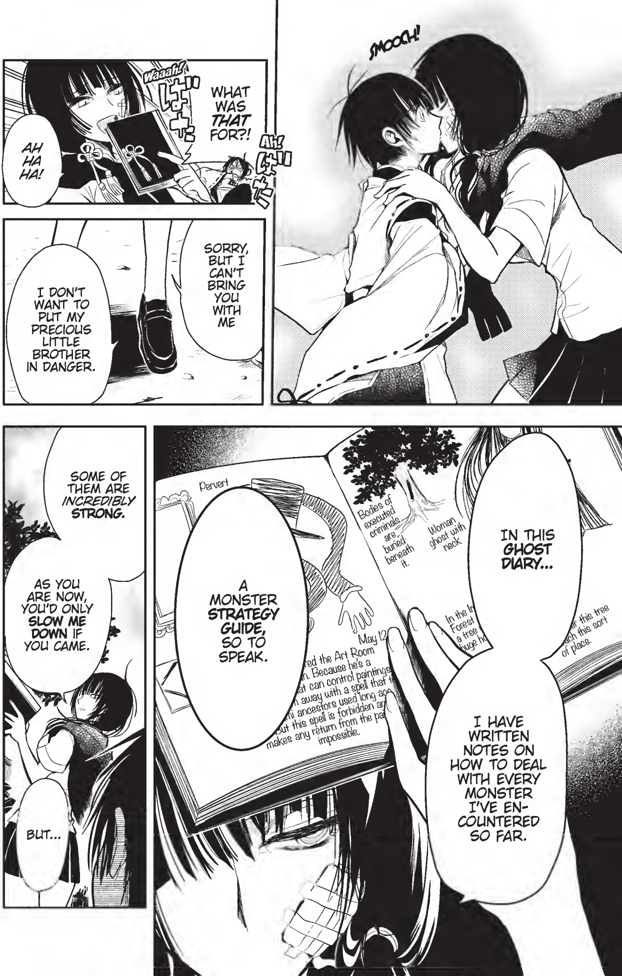
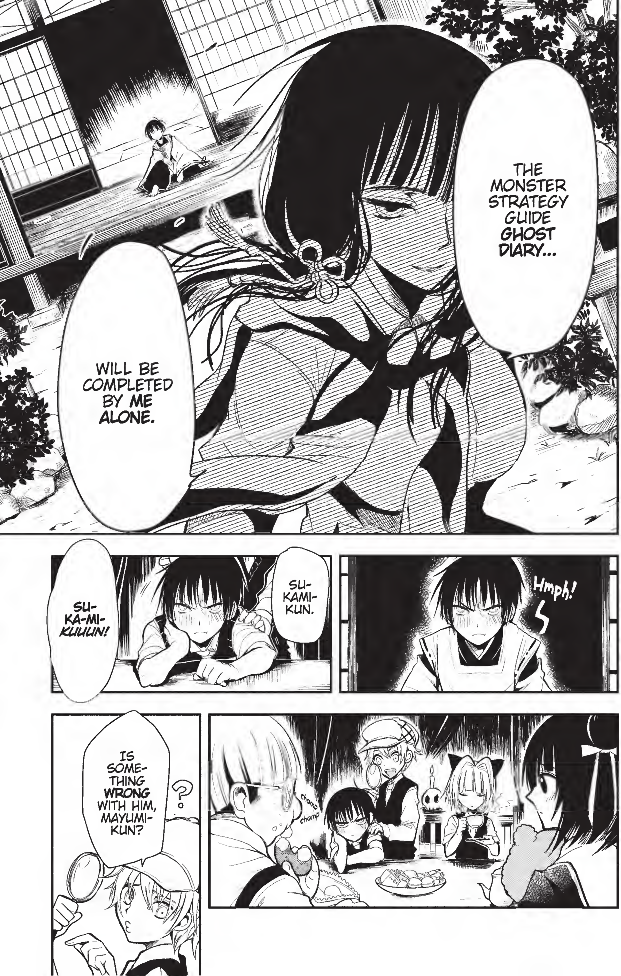

WAIT!
I'M GOING EXORCISING WITH YOU TODAY, TOO!
TP TP TP TP
HANAICHI-NEESAN!
SUKAMI
SORRY, NOPE. THIS JOB'S *WAY* TOO DANGEROUS.
Adieu!
I'VE PERFORMED EXORCISMS ALL OVER TOWN!
I CAN DO THIS!
PLUS, YOU'RE HURT, NEESAN!
PLEASE, JUST LET ME HELP YOU!

Sukami Hanaichi
(11th Grade)
Sukami Kyouichi's Older Sister


SMOOCH!
Waaah!?
WHAT WAS *THAT* FOR?!
Ah!
AH HA HA!
SORRY, BUT I CAN'T BRING YOU WITH ME
I DON'T WANT TO PUT MY PRECIOUS LITTLE BROTHER IN DANGER.
IN THIS **GHOST DIARY...**
I HAVE WRITTEN NOTES ON HOW TO DEAL WITH EVERY MONSTER I'VE ENCOUNTERED SO FAR.
A MONSTER **STRATEGY GUIDE,** SO TO SPEAK.
Pervert
Bodies of executed criminals are buried beneath it.
Woman ghost with neck
May 12
impossible.
of place.
SOME OF THEM ARE *INCREDIBLY* **STRONG.**
AS YOU ARE NOW, YOU'D ONLY **SLOW ME DOWN** IF YOU CAME.
BUT...


THE MONSTER STRATEGY GUIDE GHOST DIARY...
WILL BE COMPLETED BY ME ALONE.
Hmph!
SU-KAMI-KUN.
SU-KA-MI-KUUUN!
champ champ
IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIM, MAYUMI-KUN?
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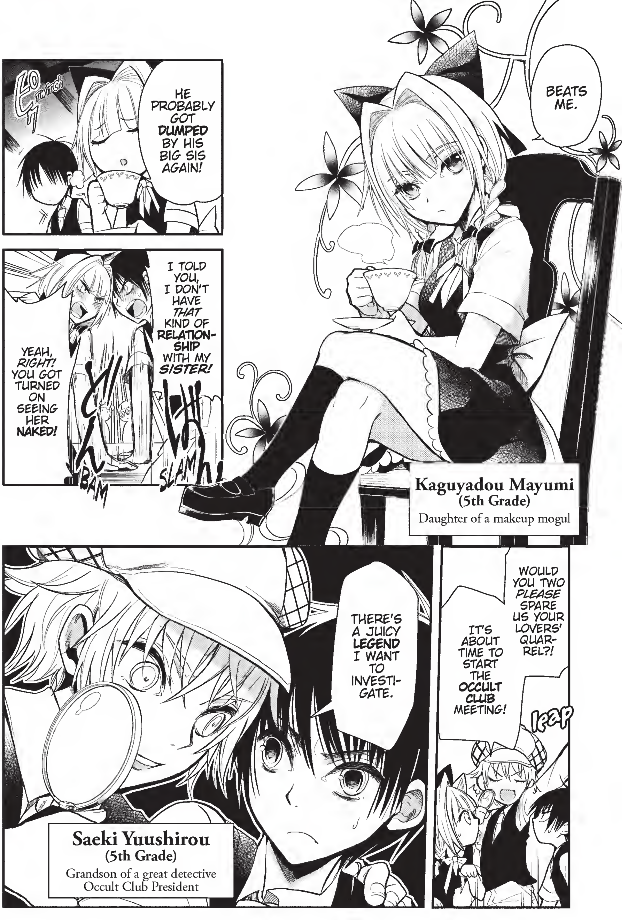
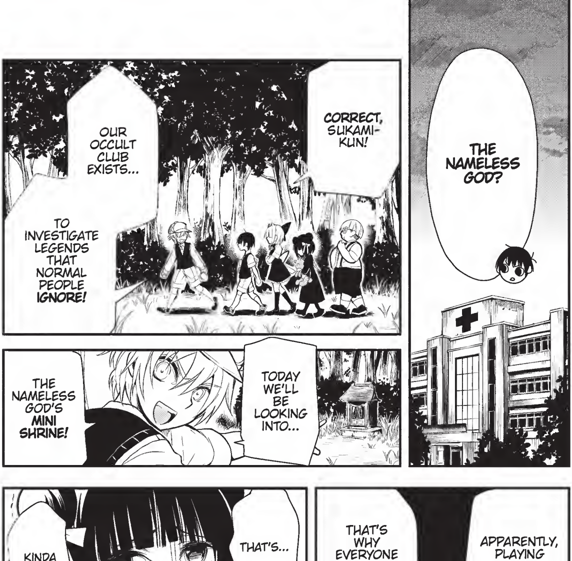
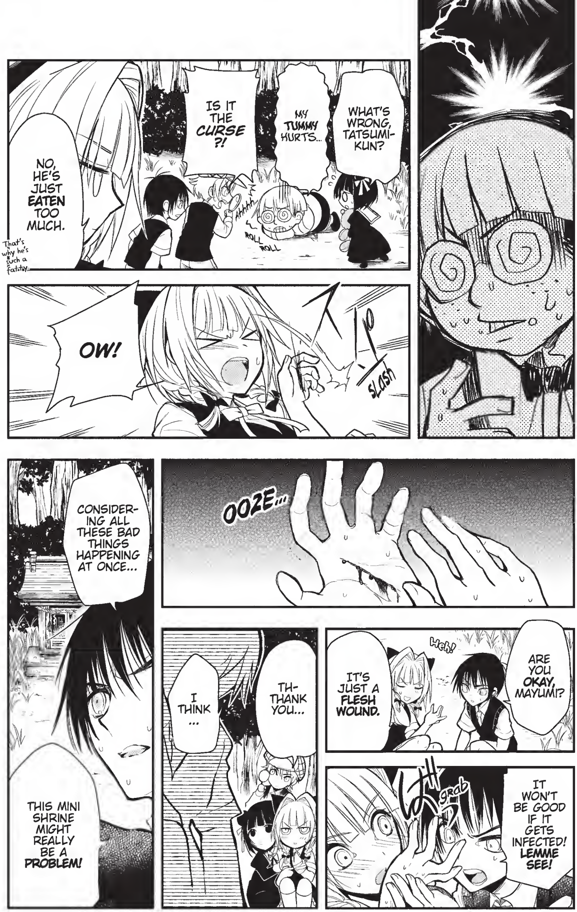
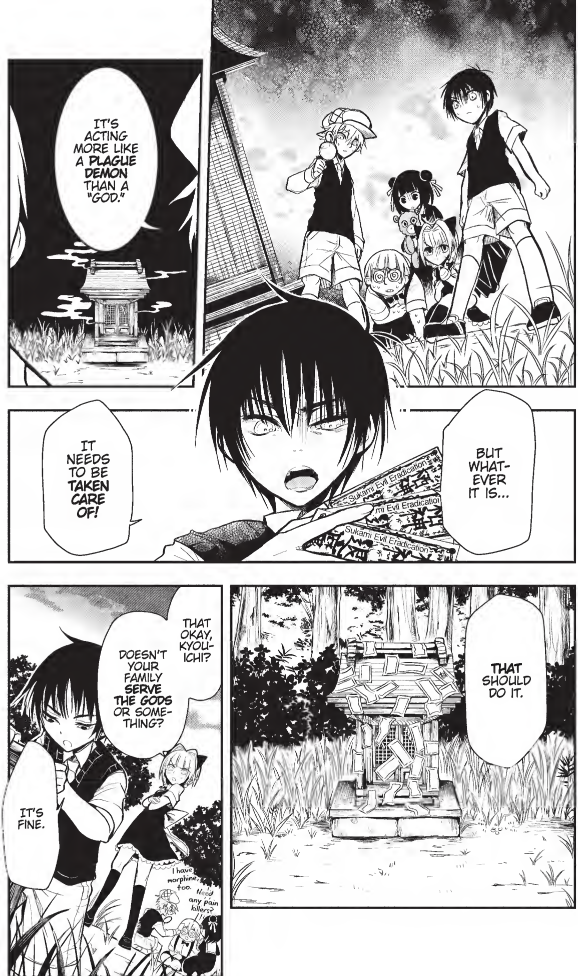
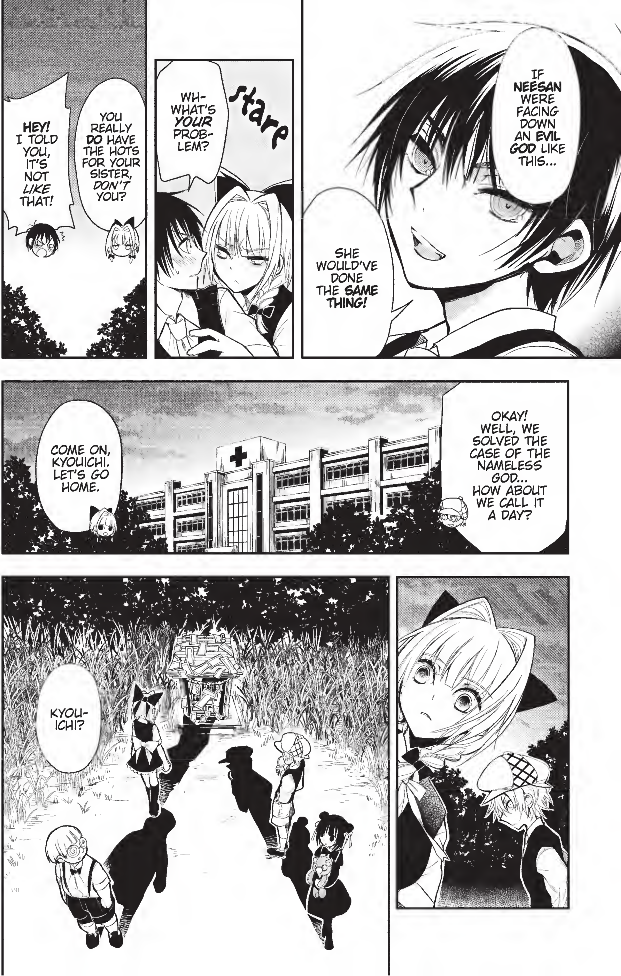
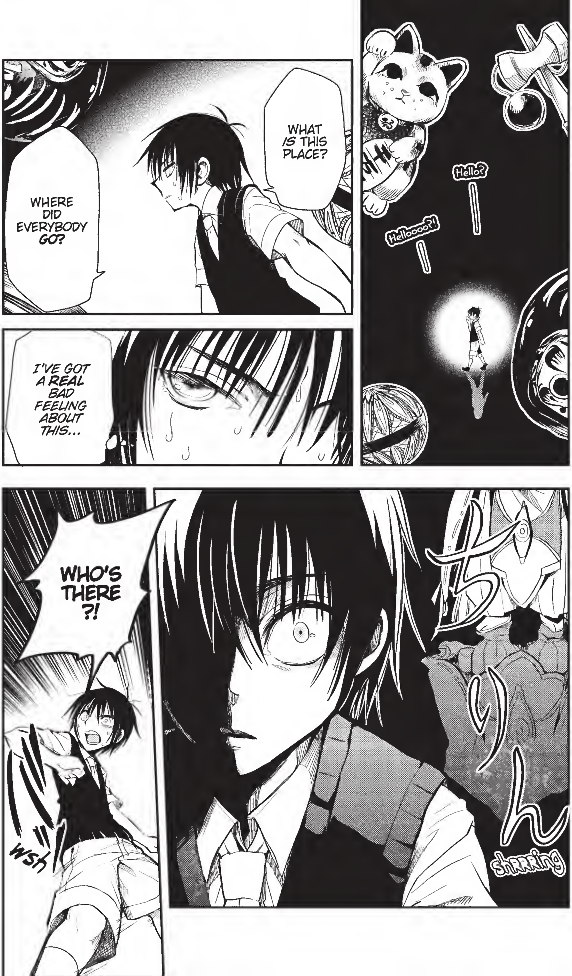

BEATS ME.
Kaguyadou Mayumi
(5th Grade)
Daughter of a makeup mogul
ピクッ twitch
HE PROBABLY GOT DUMPED BY HIS BIG SIS AGAIN!
I TOLD YOU, I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH MY SISTER!
YEAH, RIGHT! YOU GOT TURNED ON SEEING HER NAKED!
ばん SLAM
どん BAM
WOULD YOU TWO PLEASE SPARE US YOUR LOVERS' QUARREL?!
IT'S ABOUT TIME TO START THE OCCULT CLUB MEETING!
leap
THERE'S A JUICY LEGEND I WANT TO INVESTIGATE.
Saeki Yuushirou
(5th Grade)
Grandson of a great detective
Occult Club President


THE NAMELESS GOD?
CORRECT, SUKAMI-KUN!
OUR OCCULT CLUB EXISTS...
TO INVESTIGATE LEGENDS THAT NORMAL PEOPLE IGNORE!
TODAY WE'LL BE LOOKING INTO...
THE NAMELESS GOD'S MINI SHRINE!
APPARENTLY, PLAYING NEAR IT CAUSES YOU TO FEEL SICK.
THAT'S WHY EVERYONE CALLS IT THE "CURSED SHRINE" AND KEEPS AWAY.
THAT'S...
KINDA SCARY...
Suzukago Kukuri (5th Grade) Daughter of a toy maker
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS CURSES.
THEY FEEL SICK BECAUSE THEY EXPECT TO. IT'S THAT WHOLE PLACEBO EFFECT THING.
Onigashima Tatsumi (5th Grade) Son of a gangster


WHAT'S WRONG, TATSUMI-KUN?
MY TUMMY HURTS...
IS IT THE CURSE?!
Ahhhh...
ROLL ROLL
NO, HE'S JUST EATEN TOO MUCH.
That's why he's such a fatty.
SLASH
OW!
OOZE...
ARE YOU OKAY, MAYUMI!?
Heh!
IT'S JUST A FLESH WOUND.
IT WON'T BE GOOD IF IT GETS INFECTED! LEMME SEE!
grab
TH-THANK YOU...
I THINK ...
CONSIDERING ALL THESE BAD THINGS HAPPENING AT ONCE...
THIS MINI SHRINE MIGHT REALLY BE A PROBLEM!


IT'S ACTING MORE LIKE A **PLAGUE DEMON** THAN A "GOD."
BUT WHATEVER IT IS...
IT NEEDS TO BE **TAKEN CARE OF!**
Sukami Evil Eradication
mi Evil Eradication
Sukami Evil Eradication
THAT SHOULD DO IT.
THAT OKAY, KYOUICHI?
DOESN'T YOUR FAMILY **SERVE THE GODS** OR SOMETHING?
IT'S FINE.
Need any pain killers?
I have morphine, too.


IF NEESAN WERE FACING DOWN AN EVIL GOD LIKE THIS...
SHE WOULD'VE DONE THE SAME THING!
stare
WH- WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
YOU REALLY DO HAVE THE HOTS FOR YOUR SISTER, DON'T YOU?
HEY! I TOLD YOU, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
OKAY! WELL, WE SOLVED THE CASE OF THE NAMELESS GOD... HOW ABOUT WE CALL IT A DAY?
COME ON, KYOUICHI. LET'S GO HOME.
KYOUICHI?


Hello?
Helloooo?!
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
WHERE DID EVERYBODY GO?
I'VE GOT A REAL BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
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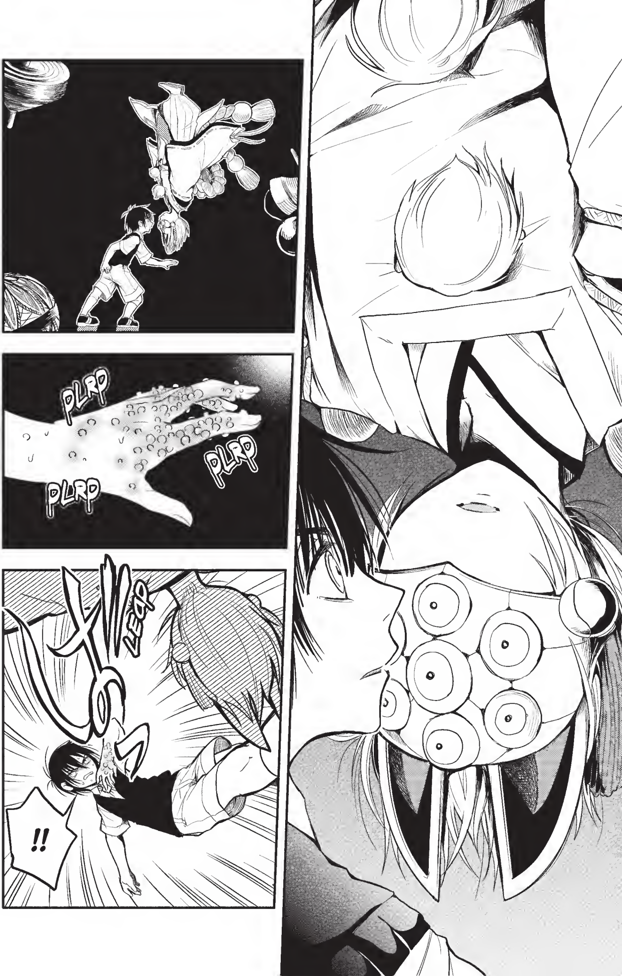
shrring
WHO'S THERE?!
wsh


PLRP
PLRP
PLRP
LEAP
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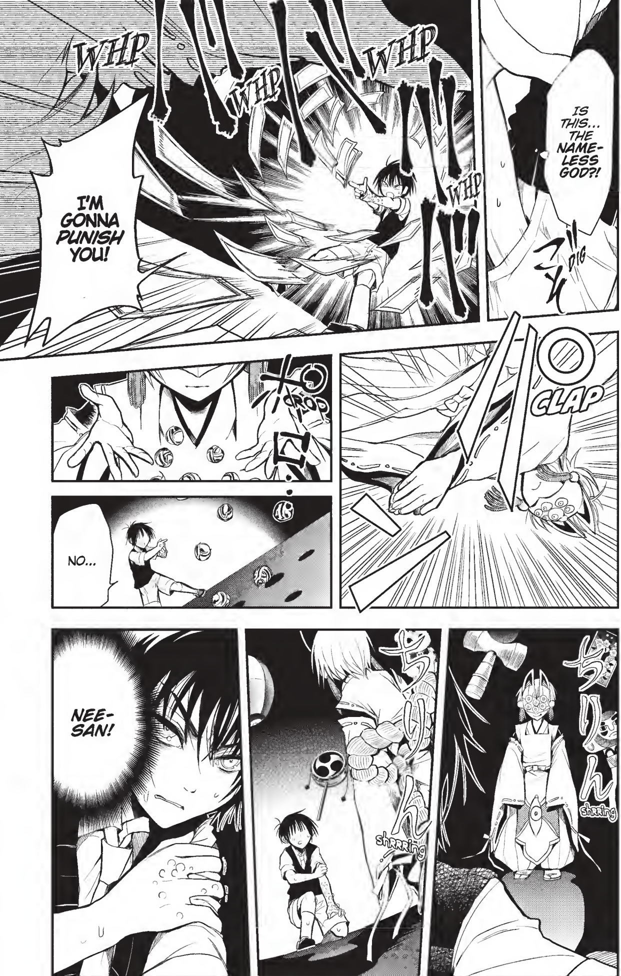
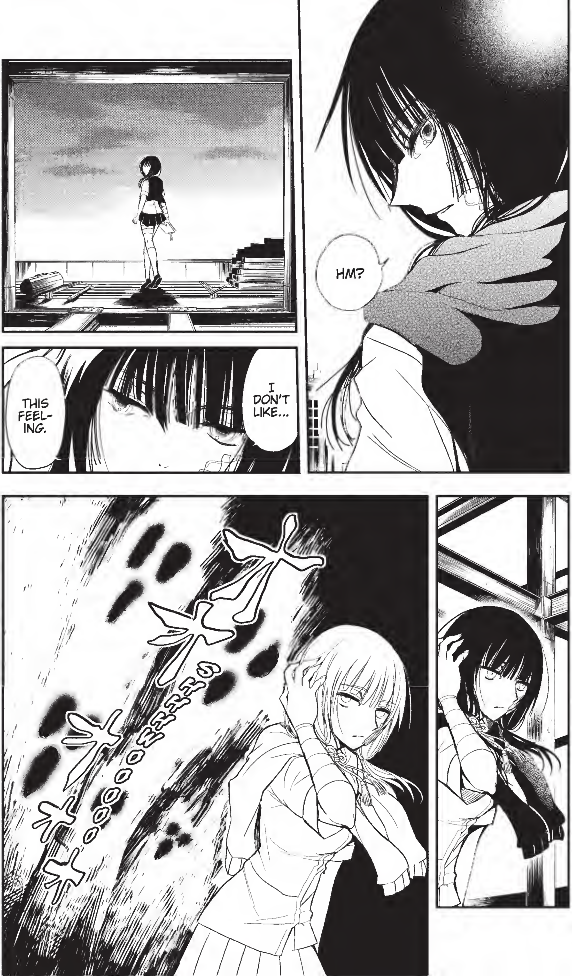
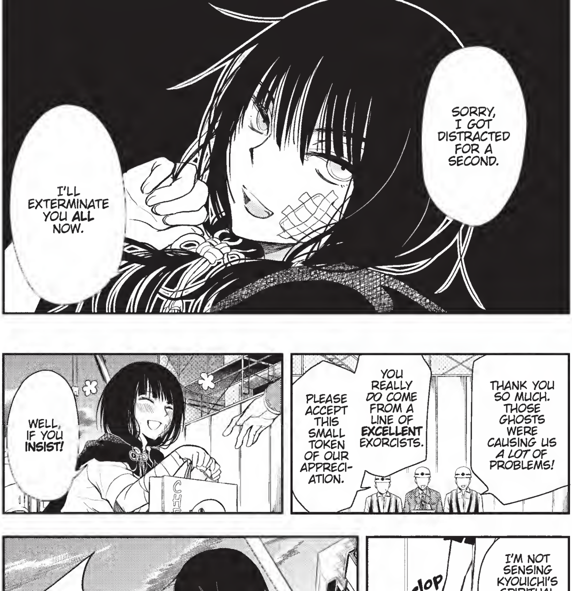
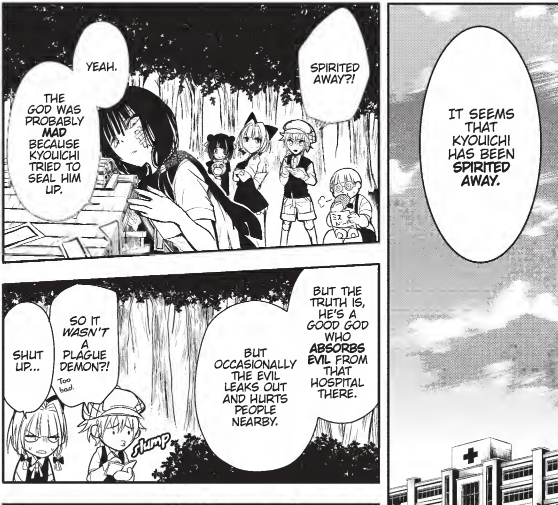
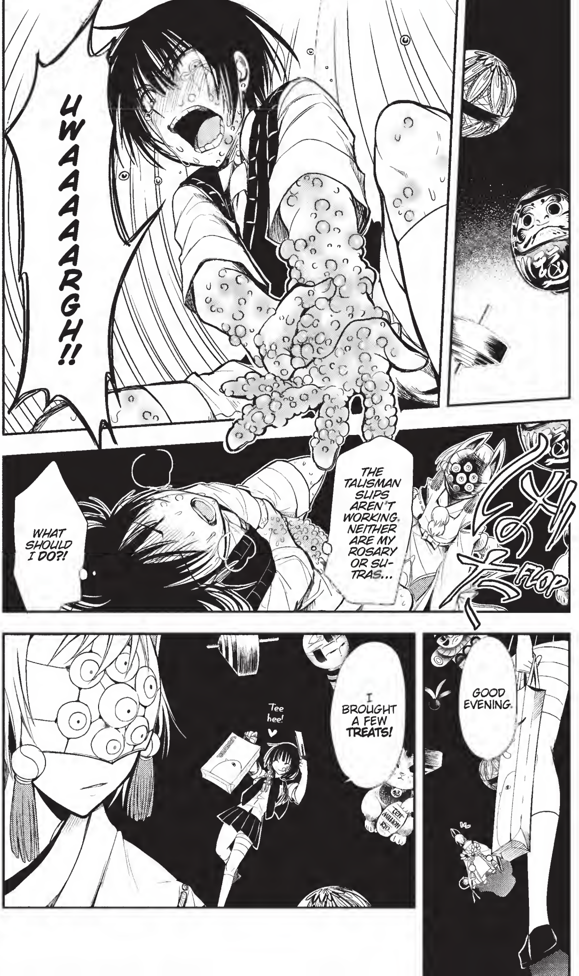
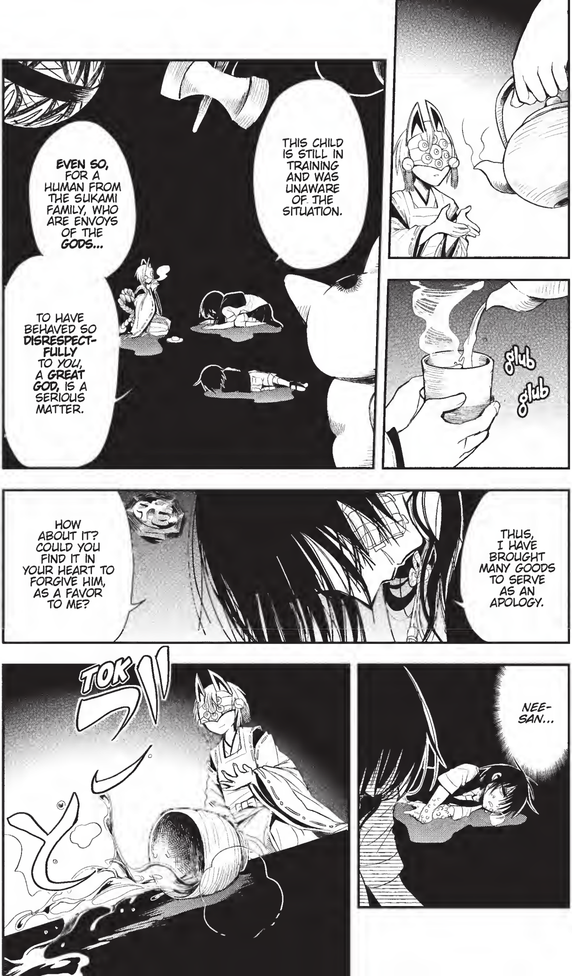

IS THIS... THE NAMELESS GOD?!
DIG
WHP
WHP
WHP
WHP
I'M GONNA PUNISH YOU!
CLAP
DROP
NO...
ちりん
shrring
ちりん
shrrring
NEE-SAN!

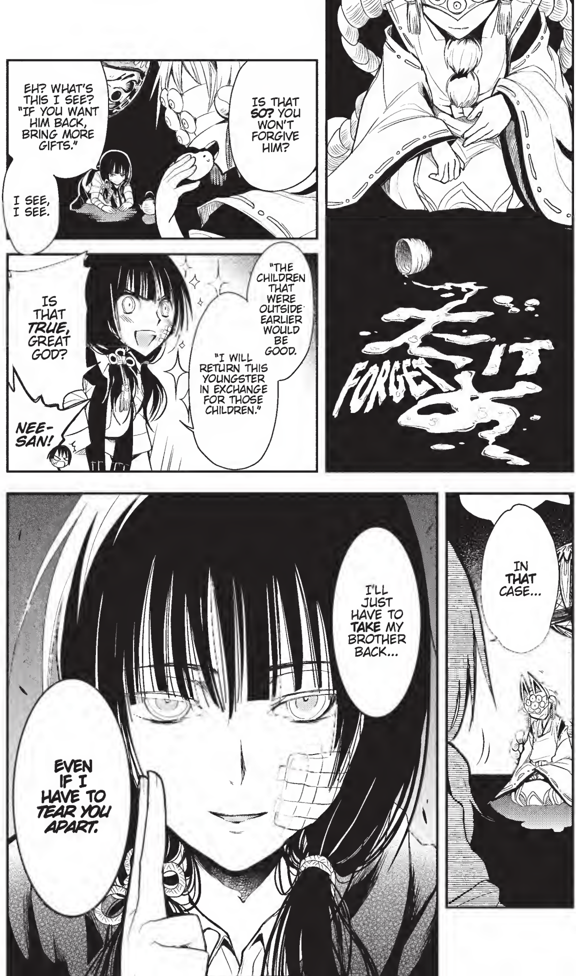

HM?
I DON'T LIKE...
THIS FEELING.
SHHHWOOOOO-

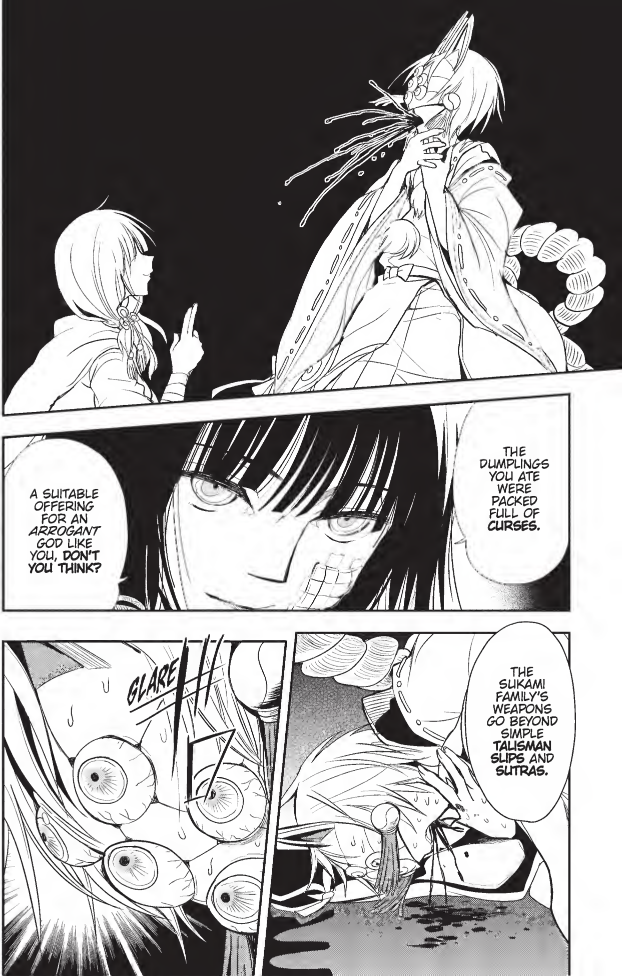

SORRY, I GOT DISTRACTED FOR A SECOND.
I'LL EXTERMINATE YOU **ALL** NOW.
THANK YOU SO MUCH. THOSE GHOSTS WERE CAUSING US *A LOT* OF PROBLEMS!
YOU REALLY *DO* COME FROM A LINE OF **EXCELLENT** EXORCISTS.
PLEASE ACCEPT THIS SMALL TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION.
WELL, IF YOU **INSIST!**
CH
clop
clop
I'M NOT SENSING KYOUICHI'S SPIRITUAL POWER AS STRONGLY AS USUAL.
HMM.
I HAVE TO FIND KYOUICHI.
BUT WHERE *IS* HE?
SUKAMI-KUN'S SISTER!

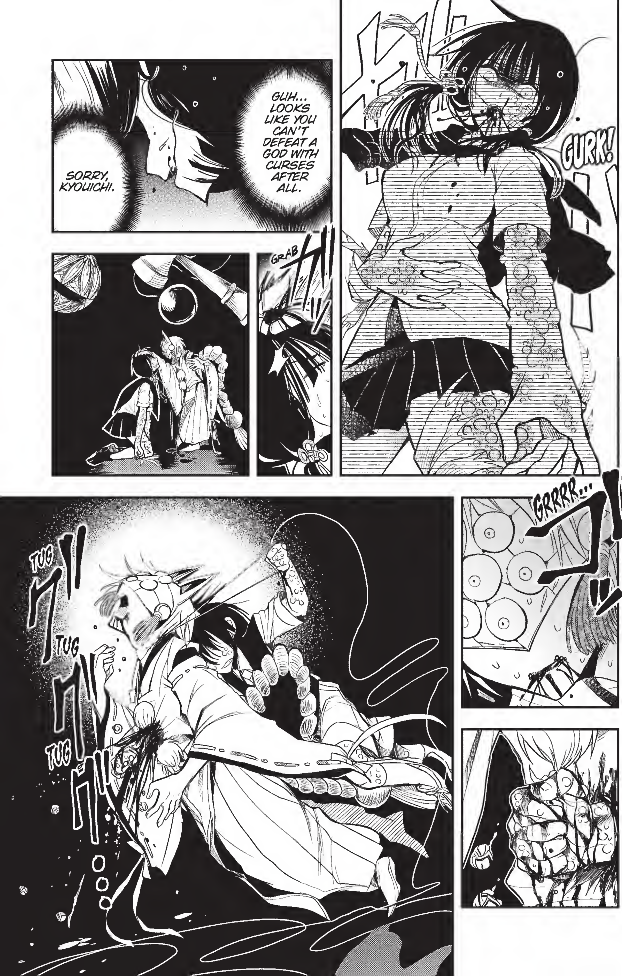

IT SEEMS THAT KYOUICHI HAS BEEN **SPIRITED AWAY.**
SPIRITED AWAY?!
YEAH.
THE GOD WAS PROBABLY **MAD** BECAUSE KYOUICHI TRIED TO SEAL HIM UP.
BUT THE TRUTH IS, HE'S A GOOD GOD WHO **ABSORBS EVIL** FROM THAT HOSPITAL THERE.
BUT OCCASIONALLY THE EVIL LEAKS OUT AND HURTS PEOPLE NEARBY.
SO IT *WASN'T* A PLAGUE DEMON?!
Too bad.
slump
SHUT UP...
I'LL TRY TALKING TO THE GOD, AND ASK HIM TO GIVE KYOUICHI BACK.
WILL YOU FOUR LEND ME YOUR **STRENGTH?**

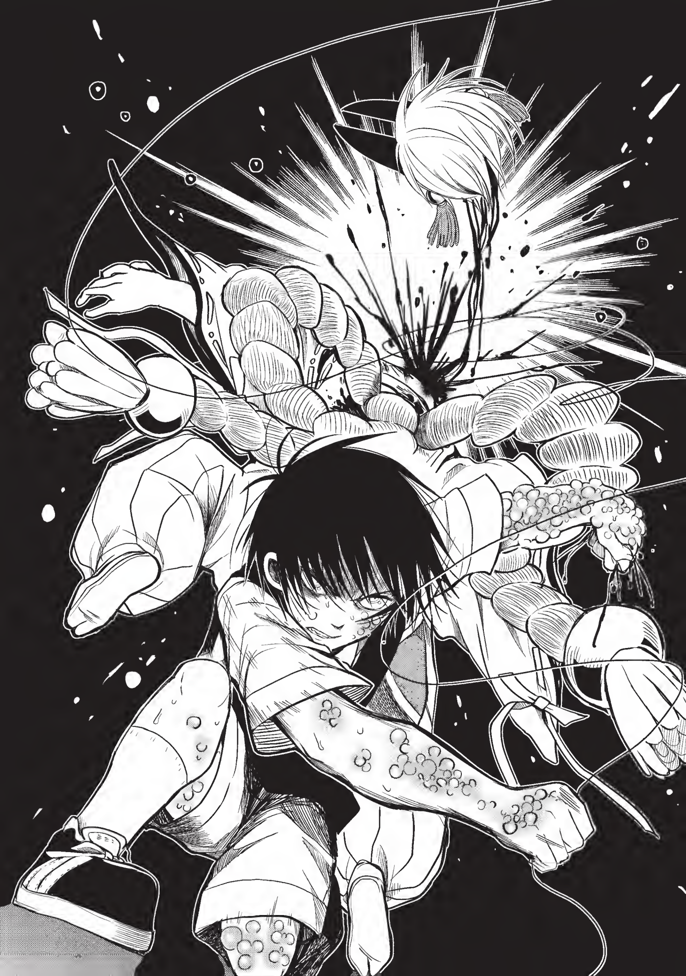

UWAAAAAARGH!!
FLOP
THE TALISMAN SLIPS AREN'T WORKING. NEITHER ARE MY ROSARY OR SUTRAS...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
GOOD EVENING.
TEN MILLION RYO
I BROUGHT A FEW TREATS!
Tee hee!

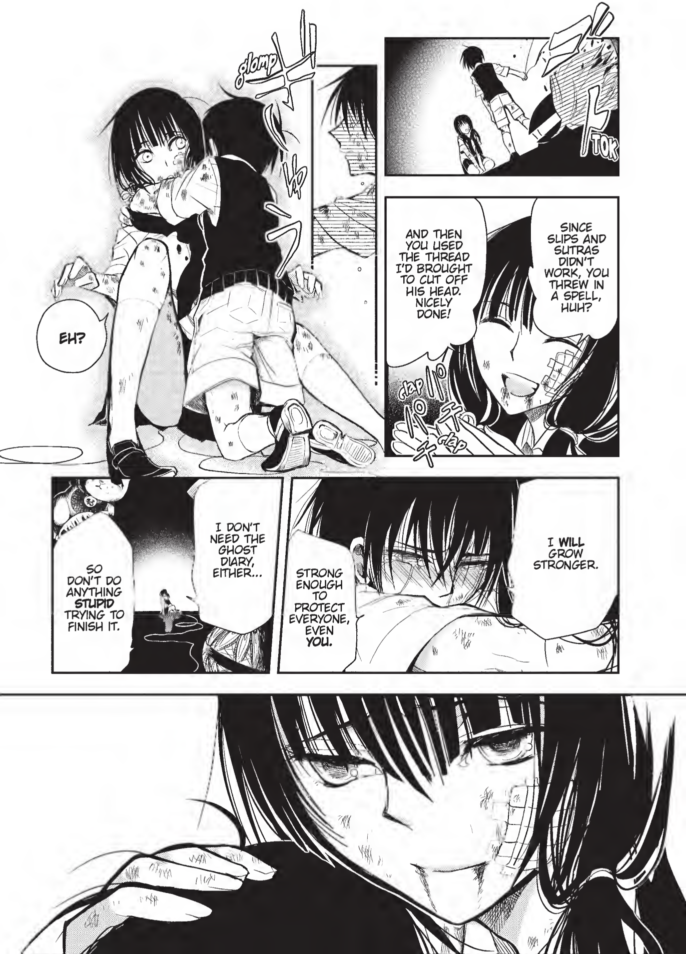

glub glub
THIS CHILD IS STILL IN TRAINING AND WAS UNAWARE OF THE SITUATION.
EVEN SO, FOR A HUMAN FROM THE SUKAMI FAMILY, WHO ARE ENVOYS OF THE GODS...
TO HAVE BEHAVED SO DISRESPECTFULLY TO YOU, A GREAT GOD, IS A SERIOUS MATTER.
THUS, I HAVE BROUGHT MANY GOODS TO SERVE AS AN APOLOGY.
HOW ABOUT IT? COULD YOU FIND IT IN YOUR HEART TO FORGIVE HIM, AS A FAVOR TO ME?
NEE-SAN...
TOK

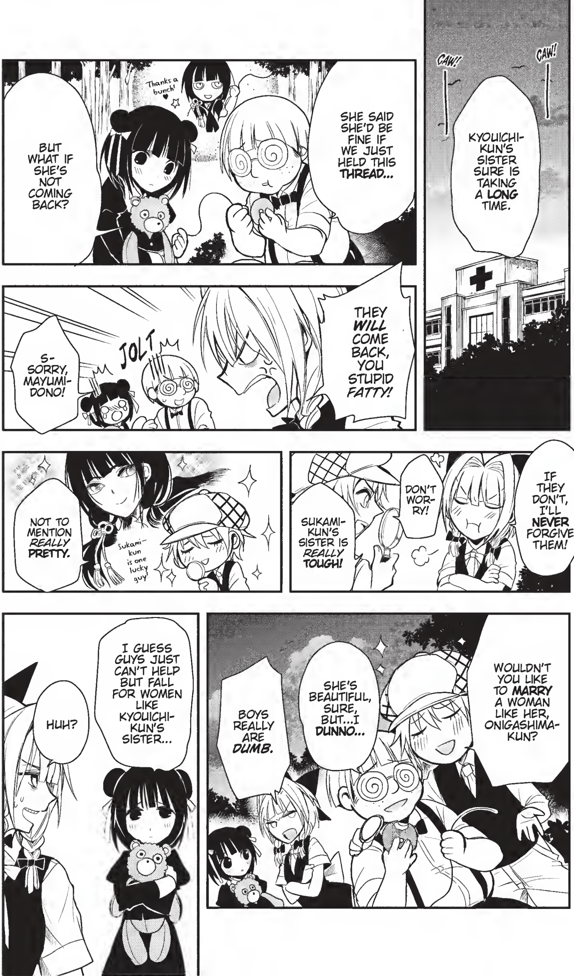

IS THAT *SO?* YOU WON'T FORGIVE HIM?
EH? WHAT'S THIS I SEE? "IF YOU WANT HIM BACK, BRING MORE GIFTS."
I SEE, I SEE.
FORGET IT
"THE CHILDREN THAT WERE OUTSIDE EARLIER WOULD BE GOOD.
"I WILL RETURN THIS YOUNGSTER IN EXCHANGE FOR THOSE CHILDREN."
IS THAT *TRUE*, GREAT GOD?
NEE-SAN!
IN *THAT* CASE...
I'LL JUST HAVE TO **TAKE** MY BROTHER BACK...
EVEN IF I HAVE TO *TEAR YOU APART.*

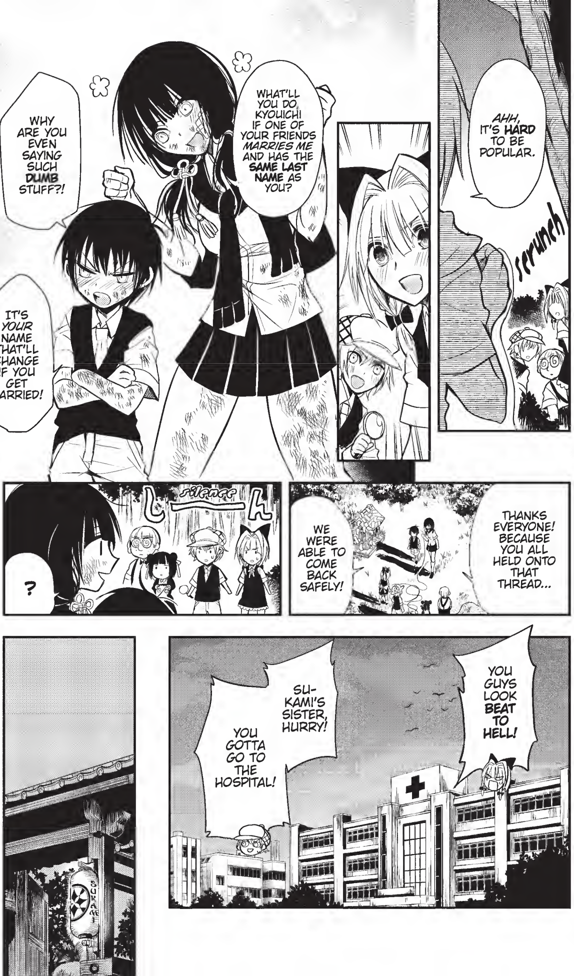

THE DUMPLINGS YOU ATE WERE PACKED FULL OF **CURSES.**
A SUITABLE OFFERING FOR AN *ARROGANT* GOD LIKE YOU, **DON'T YOU THINK?**
THE SUKAMI FAMILY'S WEAPONS GO BEYOND SIMPLE **TALISMAN SLIPS** AND **SUTRAS.**
GLARE


GURK!
GUH... LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN'T DEFEAT A GOD WITH CURSES AFTER ALL.
SORRY, KYOUICHI.
GRAB
GRRRR...
TUG
TUG
TUG




TOK
SINCE SLIPS AND SUTRAS DIDN'T WORK, YOU THREW IN A SPELL, HUH?
AND THEN YOU USED THE THREAD I'D BROUGHT TO CUT OFF HIS HEAD. NICELY DONE!
clap
clap
glomp
EH?
I WILL GROW STRONGER.
STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT EVERYONE, EVEN YOU.
I DON'T NEED THE GHOST DIARY, EITHER...
SO DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID TRYING TO FINISH IT.


CAW!
CAW!
KYOUICHI-KUN'S SISTER SURE IS TAKING A **LONG** TIME.
SHE SAID SHE'D BE FINE IF WE JUST HELD THIS **THREAD...**
Thanks a bunch! ♥
BUT WHAT IF SHE'S NOT COMING BACK?
THEY *WILL* COME BACK, YOU STUPID *FATTY!*
JOLT
S-SORRY, MAYUMI-DONO!
IF THEY DON'T, I'LL **NEVER** FORGIVE THEM!
DON'T WORRY!
SUKAMI-KUN'S SISTER IS *REALLY* **TOUGH!**
NOT TO MENTION *REALLY* **PRETTY.**
Sukami-kun is one lucky guy!
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO **MARRY** A WOMAN LIKE HER, ONIGASHIMA-KUN?
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, SURE, BUT...I **DUNNO...**
BOYS REALLY ARE ***DUMB.***
I GUESS GUYS JUST CAN'T HELP BUT FALL FOR WOMEN LIKE KYOUICHI-KUN'S SISTER...
HUH?


AHH, IT'S HARD TO BE POPULAR.
scrunch
WHAT'LL YOU DO KYOUICHI IF ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS MARRIES ME AND HAS THE SAME LAST NAME AS YOU?
WHY ARE YOU EVEN SAYING SUCH DUMB STUFF?!
IT'S YOUR NAME THAT'LL CHANGE IF YOU GET MARRIED!
THANKS EVERYONE! BECAUSE YOU ALL HELD ONTO THAT THREAD...
WE WERE ABLE TO COME BACK SAFELY!
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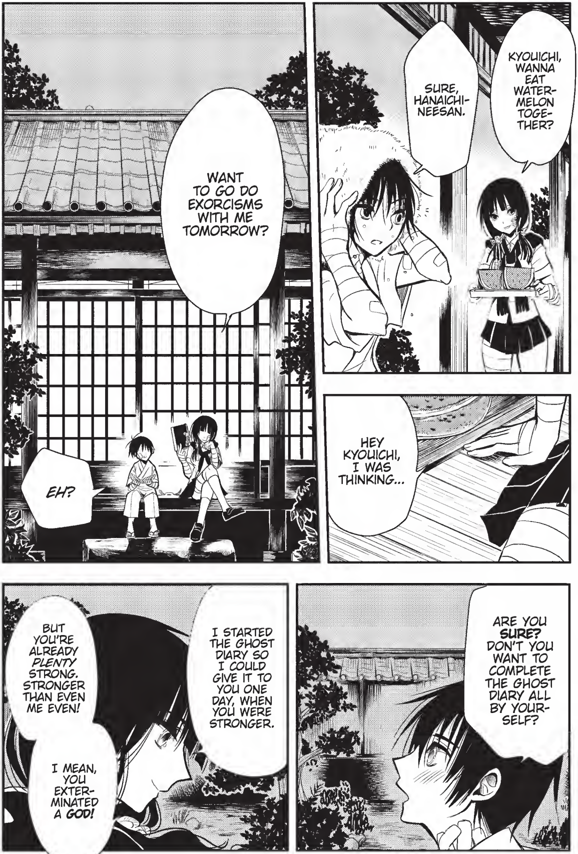
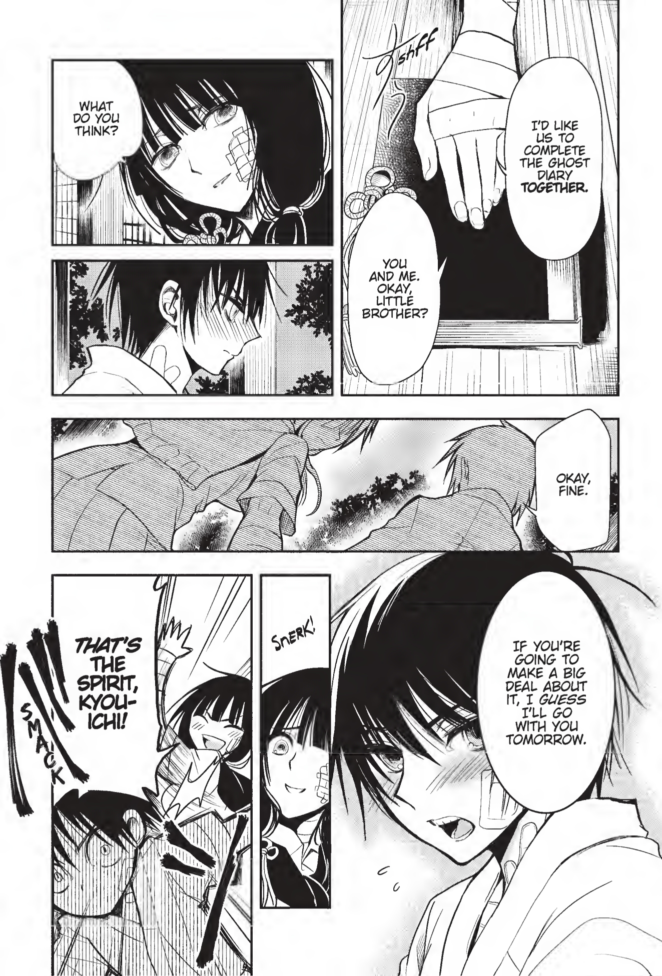
silence
?
YOU GUYS LOOK BEAT TO HELL!
SU-KAMI'S SISTER, HURRY!
YOU GOTTA GO TO THE HOSPITAL!
SUKAMI


KYOUICHI, WANNA EAT WATERMELON TOGETHER?
SURE, HANAICHI-NEESAN.
HEY KYOUICHI, I WAS THINKING...
WANT TO GO DO EXORCISMS WITH ME TOMORROW?
EH?
ARE YOU SURE? DON'T YOU WANT TO COMPLETE THE GHOST DIARY ALL BY YOURSELF?
I STARTED THE GHOST DIARY SO I COULD GIVE IT TO YOU ONE DAY, WHEN YOU WERE STRONGER.
BUT YOU'RE ALREADY PLENTY STRONG. STRONGER THAN EVEN ME EVEN!
I MEAN, YOU EXTERMINATED A GOD!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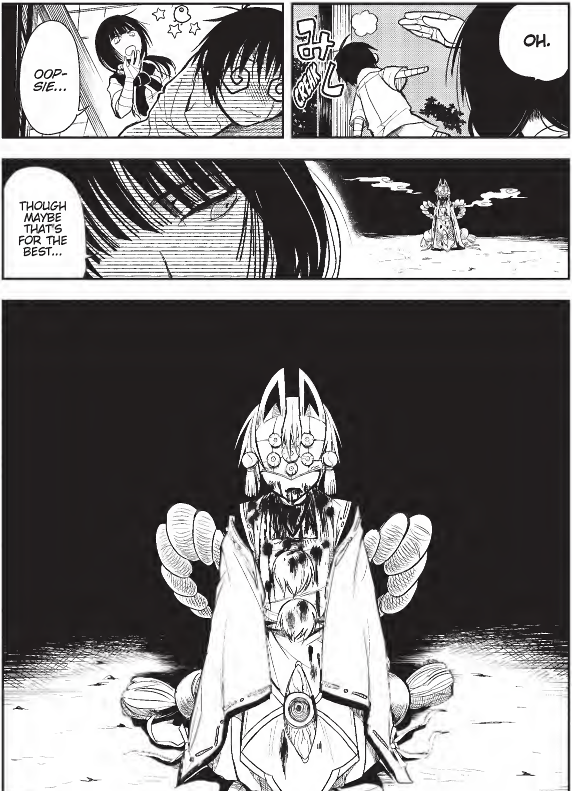
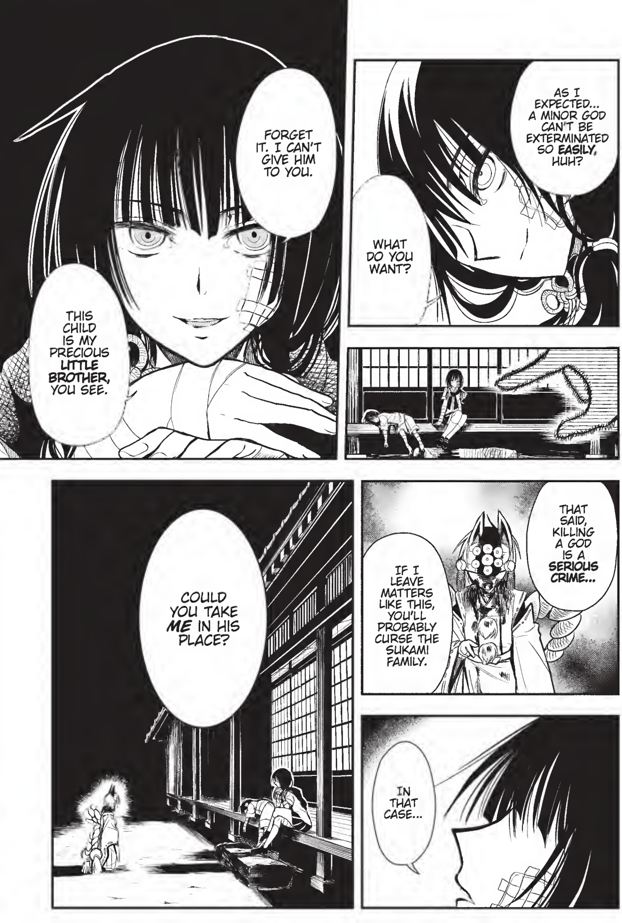
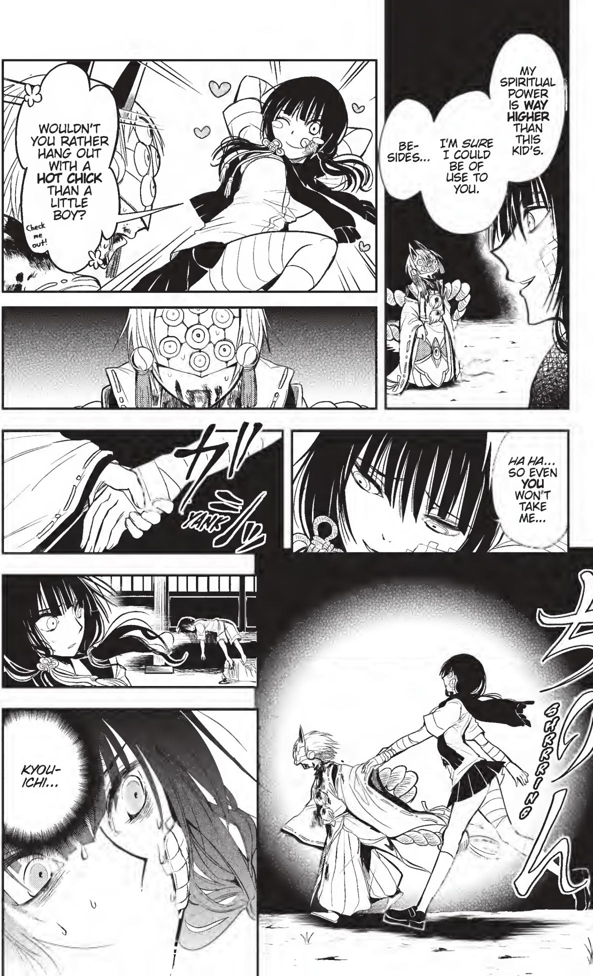
I'D LIKE US TO COMPLETE THE GHOST DIARY **TOGETHER.**
YOU AND ME. OKAY, LITTLE BROTHER?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
OKAY, FINE.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A BIG DEAL ABOUT IT, I *GUESS* I'LL GO WITH YOU TOMORROW.
SnERK!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, KYOUICHI!
SMACK


OH.
みし
CREAK
OOP-SIE...
THOUGH MAYBE THAT'S FOR THE BEST...


AS I EXPECTED... A MINOR GOD CAN'T BE EXTERMINATED SO **EASILY**, HUH?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
FORGET IT. I CAN'T GIVE HIM TO YOU.
THIS CHILD IS MY PRECIOUS **LITTLE BROTHER**, YOU SEE.
THAT SAID, KILLING A GOD IS A **SERIOUS CRIME...**
IF I LEAVE MATTERS LIKE THIS, YOU'LL PROBABLY CURSE THE SUKAMI FAMILY.
IN THAT CASE...
COULD YOU TAKE *ME* IN HIS PLACE?


MY SPIRITUAL POWER IS **WAY HIGHER** THAN THIS KID'S.
BE-SIDES...
I'M *SURE* I COULD BE OF USE TO YOU.
WOULDN'T YOU RATHER HANG OUT WITH A **HOT CHICK** THAN A LITTLE BOY?
Check me out!
YANK
HA HA... SO EVEN **YOU** WON'T TAKE ME...
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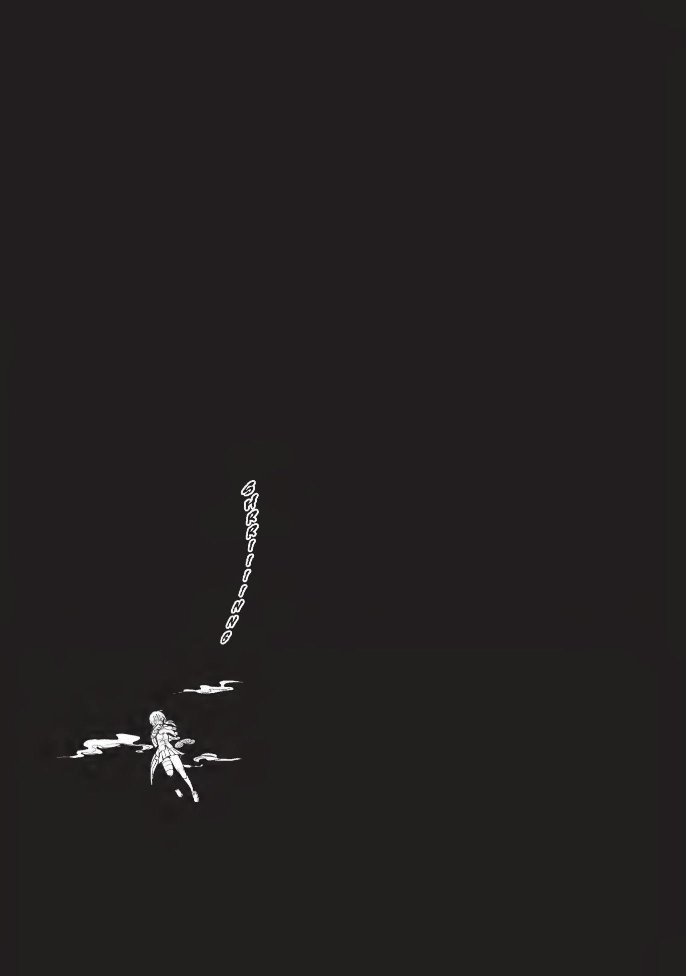
SHRRRING
KYOU-ICHI...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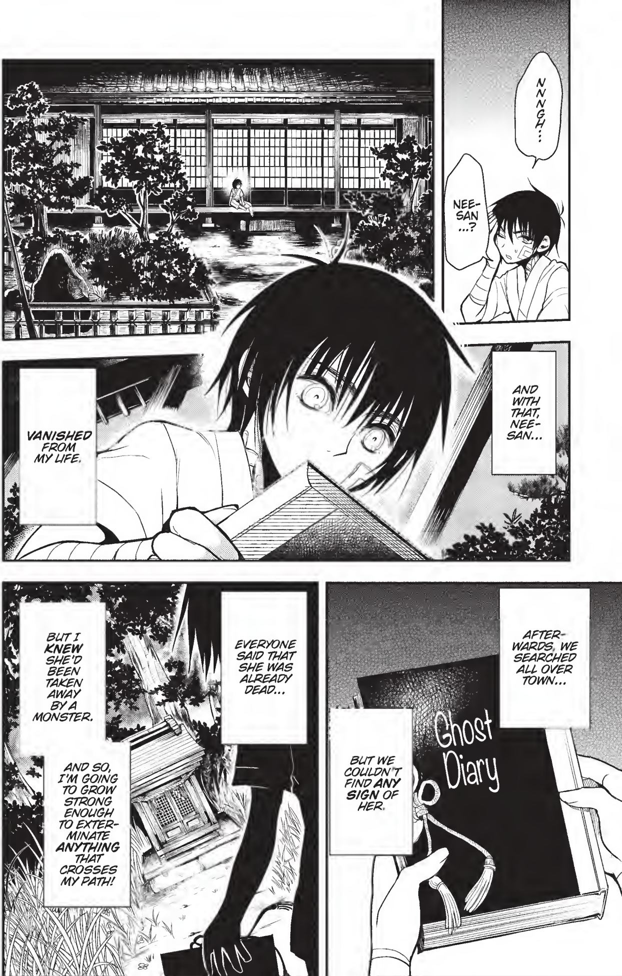
NNNGH…
NEE-SAN …?
AND WITH THAT, NEE-SAN…
VANISHED FROM MY LIFE.
AFTERWARDS, WE SEARCHED ALL OVER TOWN…
BUT WE COULDN'T FIND ANY SIGN OF HER.
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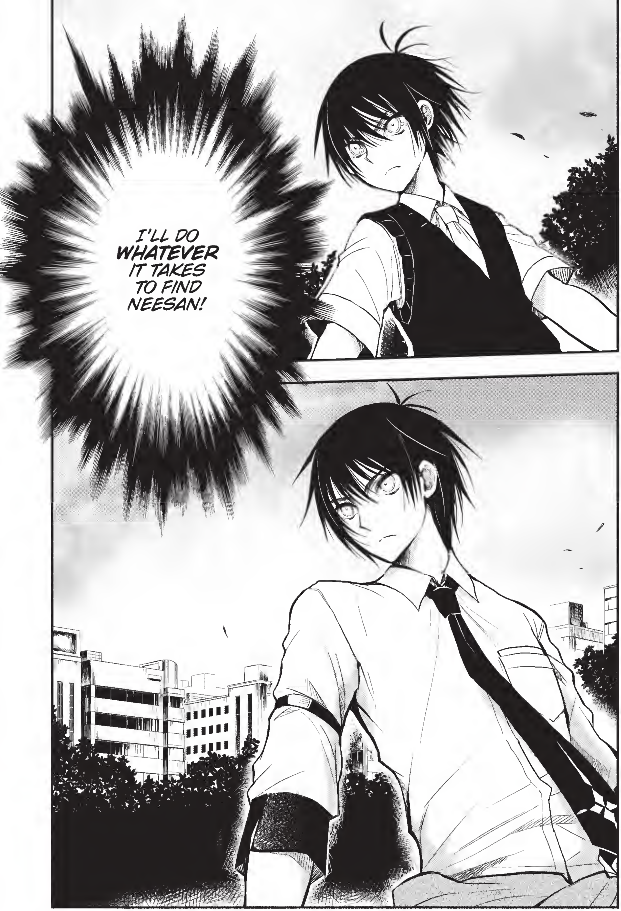
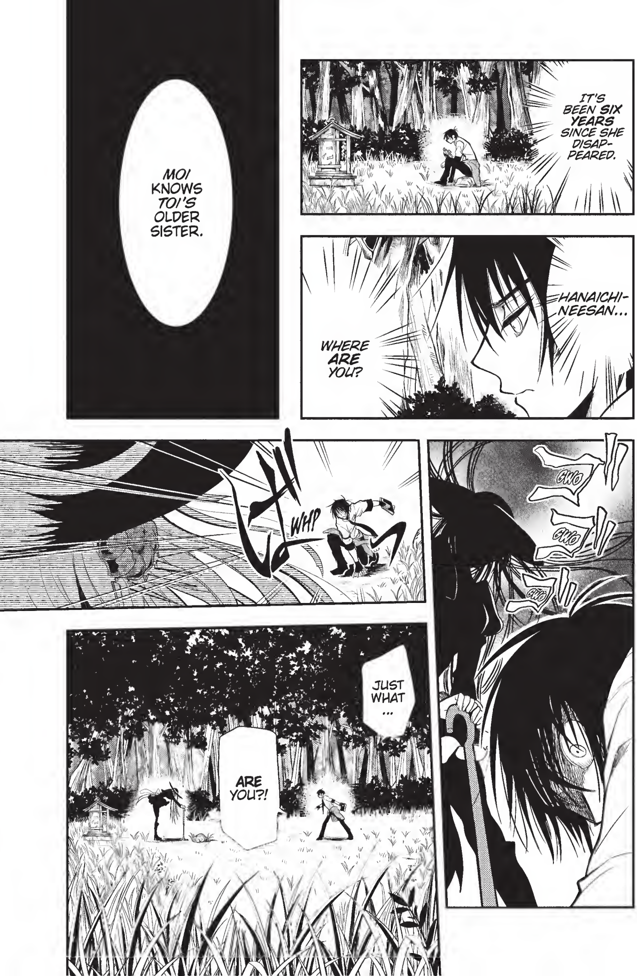
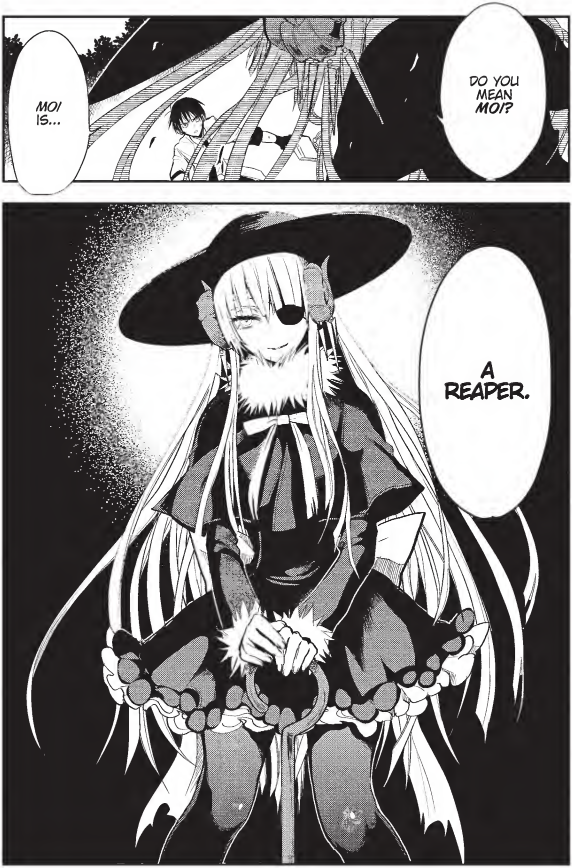
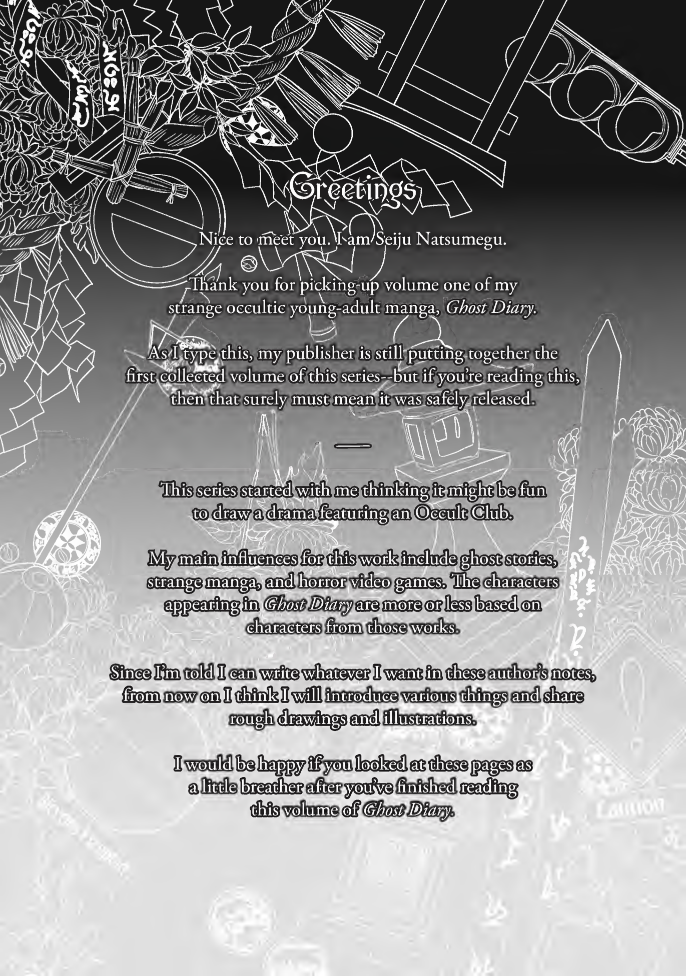
EVERYONE SAID THAT SHE WAS ALREADY DEAD…
BUT I KNEW SHE'D BEEN TAKEN AWAY BY A MONSTER.
AND SO, I'M GOING TO GROW STRONG ENOUGH TO EXTERMINATE ANYTHING THAT CROSSES MY PATH!


I'LL DO **WHATEVER** IT TAKES TO FIND NEESAN!


MOI KNOWS TOI'S OLDER SISTER.
IT'S BEEN SIX YEARS SINCE SHE DISAPPEARED.
HANAICHI-NEESAN...
WHERE ARE YOU?
GWO
GWO
GWO
WHP
JUST WHAT...
ARE YOU?!


DO YOU MEAN *MOI*?
MOI IS...
A REAPER.



Greetings

Nice to meet you. I am Seiju Natsumegu.

Thank you for picking-up volume one of my strange occultic young-adult manga, *Ghost Diary*.

As I type this, my publisher is still putting together the first collected volume of this series--but if you're reading this, then that surely must mean it was safely released.

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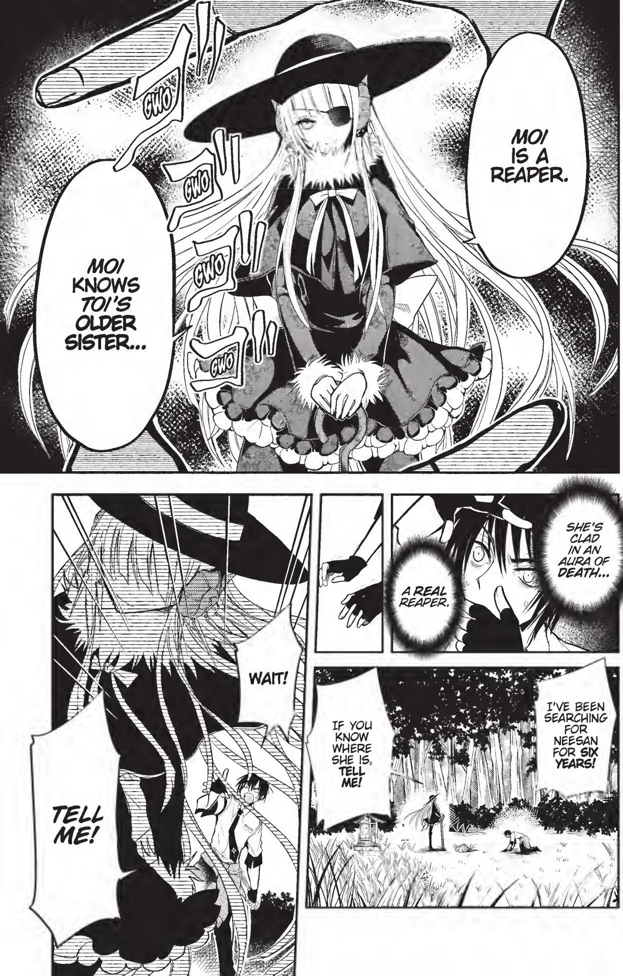
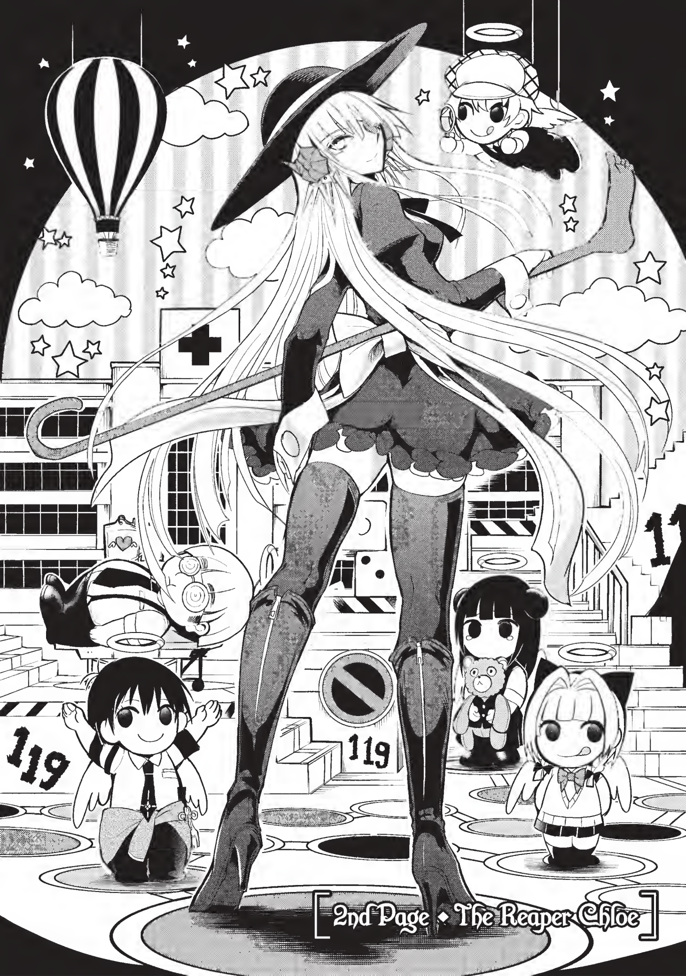
This series started with me thinking it might be fun to draw a drama featuring an Occult Club.

My main influences for this work include ghost stories, strange manga, and horror video games. The characters appearing in *Ghost Diary* are more or less based on characters from those works.

Since I'm told I can write whatever I want in these author's notes, from now on I think I will introduce various things and share rough drawings and illustrations.

I would be happy if you looked at these pages as a little breather after you've finished reading this volume of *Ghost Diary*.


MOI IS A REAPER.
GWO
GWO
GWO
GWO
MOI KNOWS TOI'S OLDER SISTER...
SHE'S CLAD IN AN AURA OF DEATH...
A REAL REAPER.
I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR NEESAN FOR SIX YEARS!
IF YOU KNOW WHERE SHE IS, TELL ME!
WAIT!
TELL ME!



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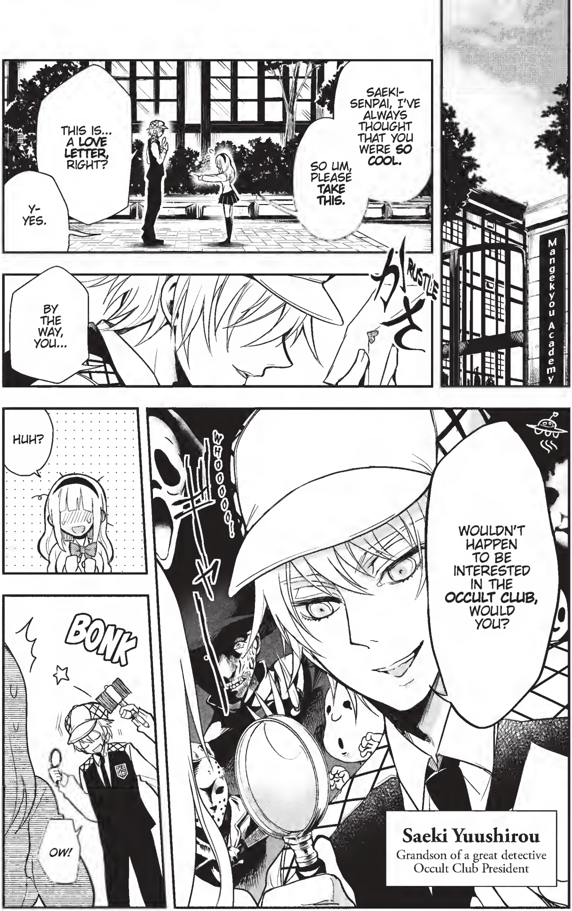
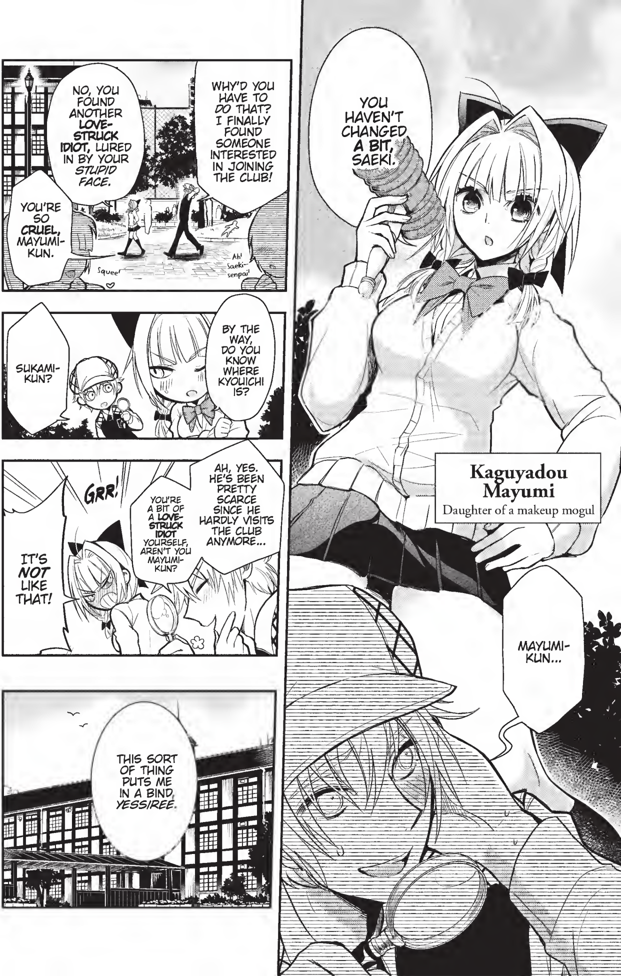
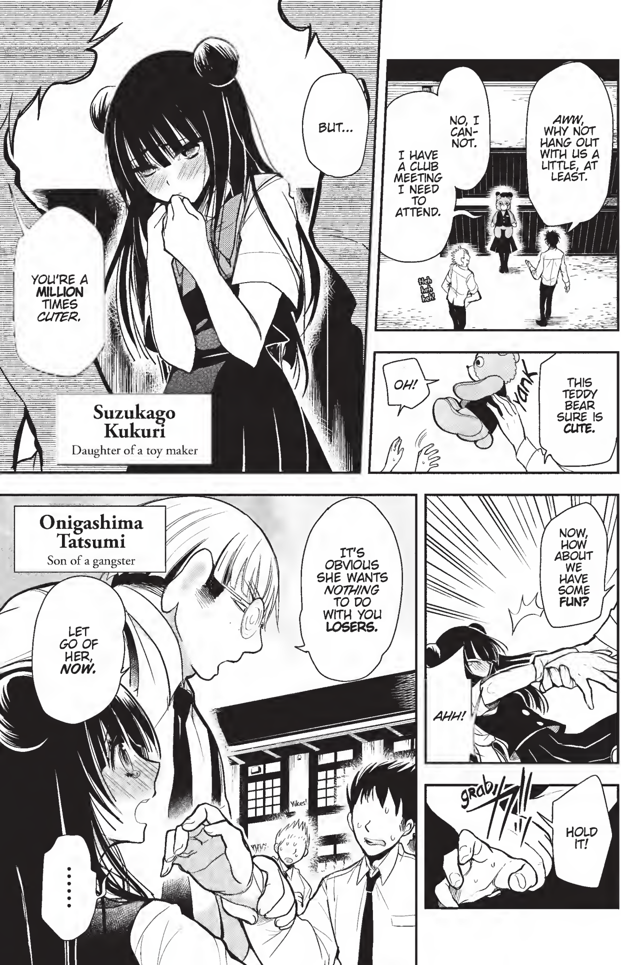

Mangekyou Academy
SAEKI-SENPAI, I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE SO COOL.
SO UM, PLEASE TAKE THIS.
THIS IS... A LOVE LETTER, RIGHT?
Y-YES.
かさ RUSTLE
BY THE WAY, YOU...
WHOOOOOO!
WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE INTERESTED IN THE OCCULT CLUB, WOULD YOU?
HUH?
BONK
OW!

Saeki Yuushirou
Grandson of a great detective
Occult Club President


YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED **A BIT**, SAEKI.
MAYUMI-KUN...
WHY'D YOU HAVE TO *DO* THAT? I FINALLY FOUND SOMEONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CLUB!
NO, YOU FOUND ANOTHER **LOVE-STRUCK IDIOT**, LURED IN BY YOUR *STUPID* FACE.
YOU'RE SO **CRUEL**, MAYUMI-KUN.
Ah! Saeki-senpai!
Squee!
BY THE WAY, DO YOU KNOW WHERE KYOUICHI IS?
SUKAMI-KUN?
AH, YES. HE'S BEEN PRETTY SCARCE SINCE HE HARDLY VISITS THE CLUB ANYMORE...
YOU'RE A BIT OF A **LOVE-STRUCK IDIOT** YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU MAYUMI-KUN?
GRR!
IT'S *NOT* LIKE THAT!
THIS SORT OF THING PUTS ME IN A BIND, *YESSIREE*.

Kaguyadou Mayumi

Daughter of a makeup mogul


AWW, WHY NOT HANG OUT WITH US A LITTLE, AT LEAST.
NO, I CANNOT.
I HAVE A CLUB MEETING I NEED TO ATTEND.
Heh heh heh!
THIS TEDDY BEAR SURE IS CUTE.
yank
OH!
BUT...
YOU'RE A MILLION TIMES CUTER.
Suzukago Kukuri
Daughter of a toy maker
NOW, HOW ABOUT WE HAVE SOME FUN?
AHH!
HOLD IT!
grab
IT'S OBVIOUS SHE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU LOSERS.
LET GO OF HER, NOW.
Onigashima Tatsumi
Son of a gangster
Yikes!
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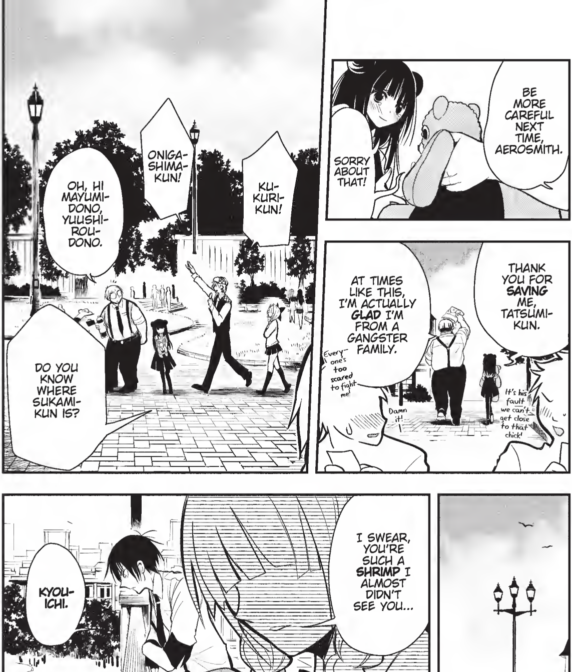
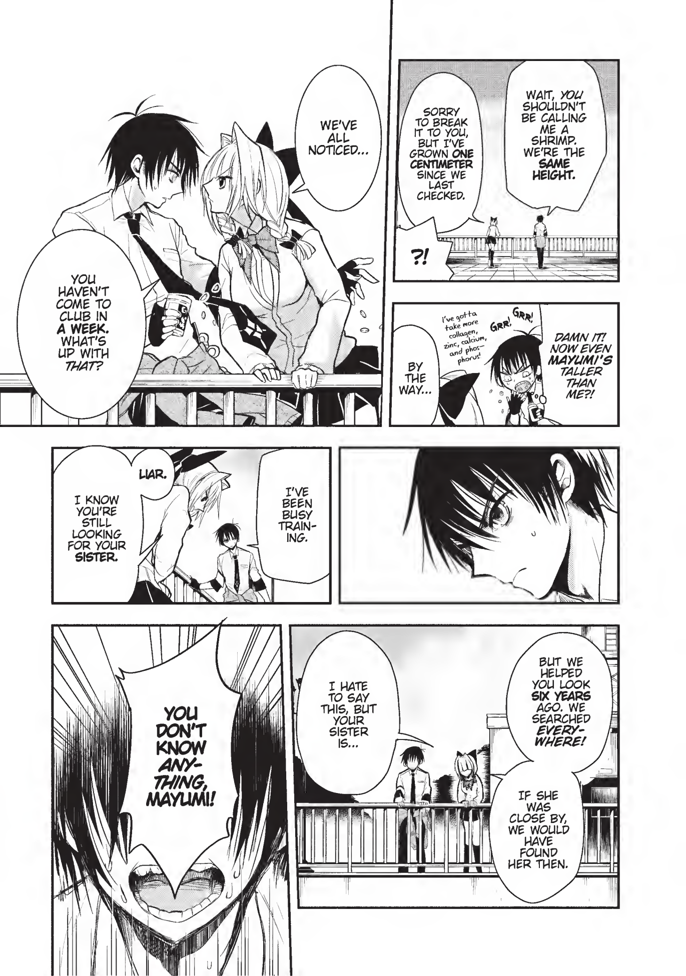
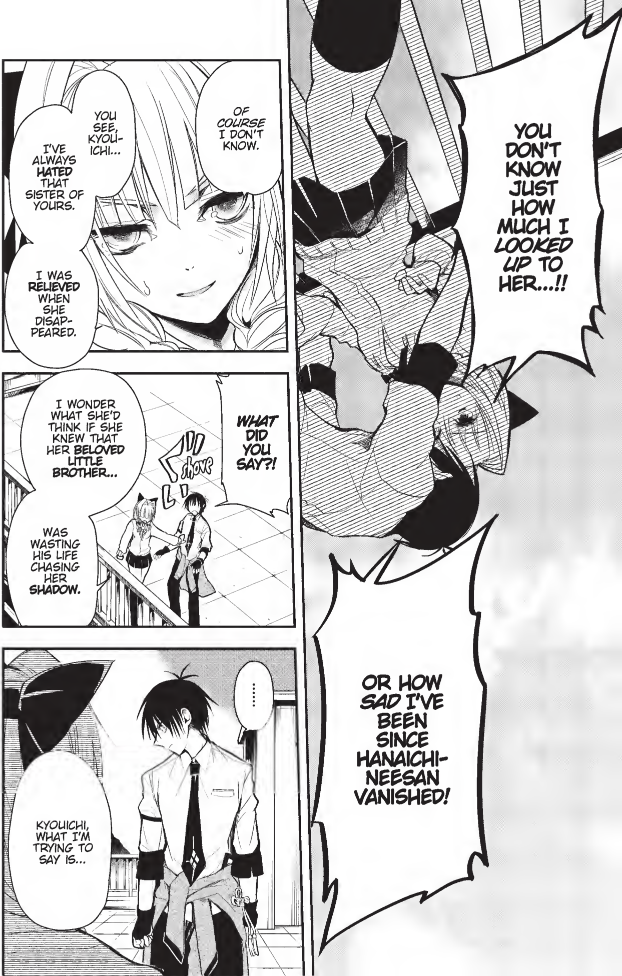
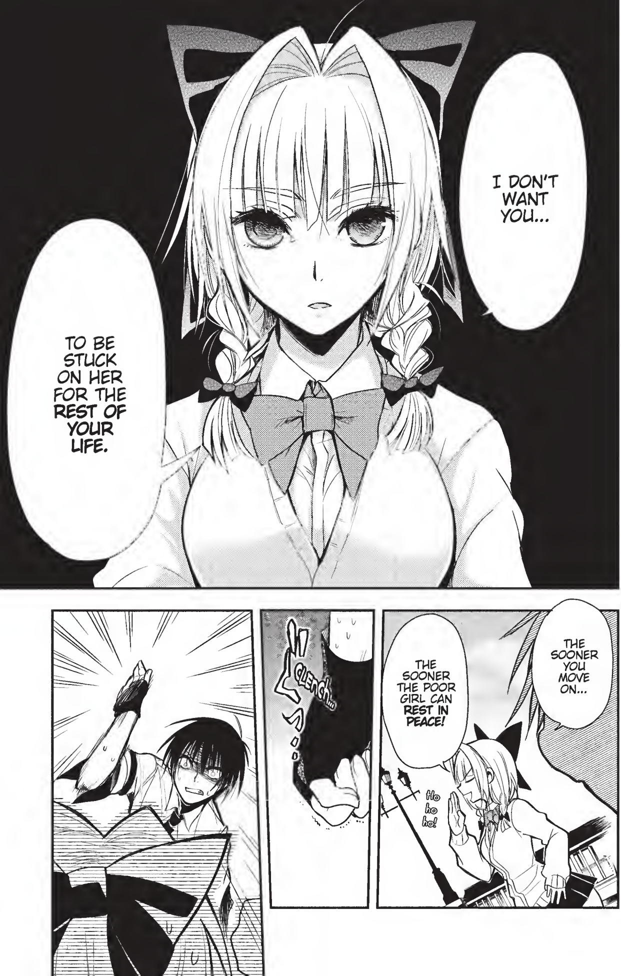
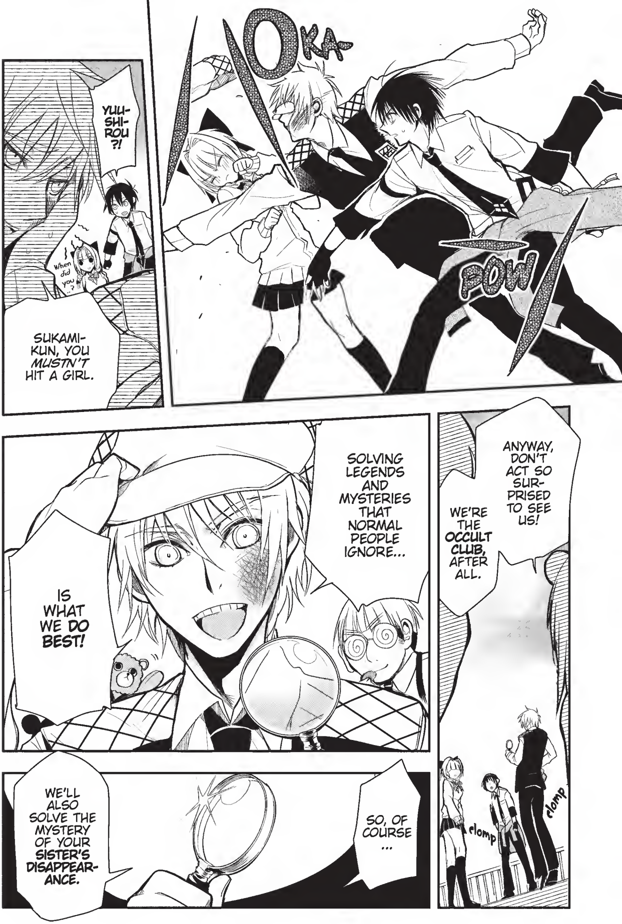
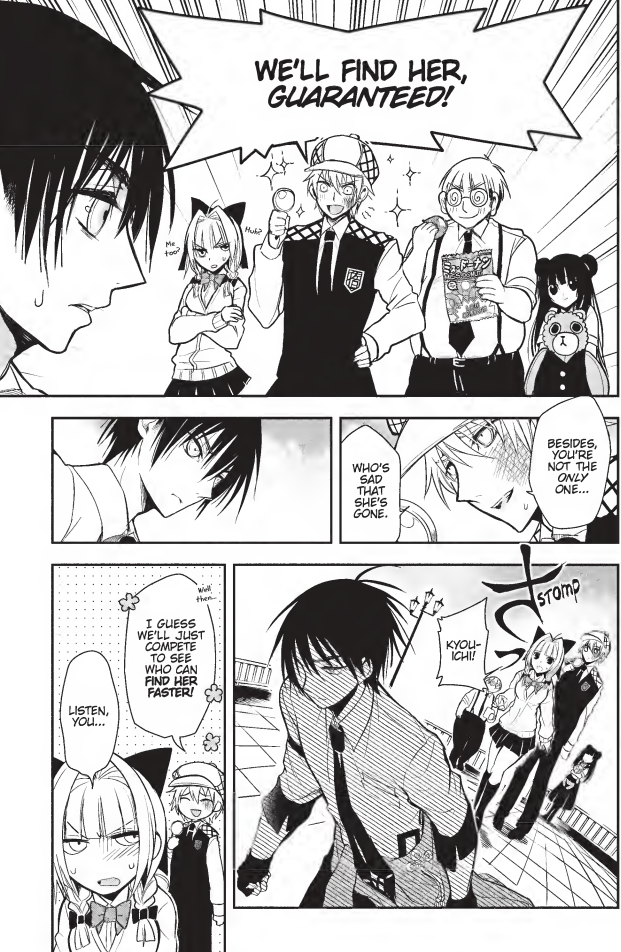

BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME, AEROSMITH.
SORRY ABOUT THAT!
THANK YOU FOR **SAVING** ME, TATSUMI-KUN.
AT TIMES LIKE THIS, I'M ACTUALLY **GLAD** I'M FROM A GANGSTER FAMILY.
It's his fault we can't get close to that chick!
Everyone's too scared to fight me!
Damn it!
KUKURI-KUN!
ONIGASHIMA-KUN!
OH, HI MAYUMI-DONO, YUUSHIROU-DONO.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE SUKAMI-KUN IS?
I SWEAR, YOU'RE SUCH A **SHRIMP** I ALMOST DIDN'T SEE YOU...
KYOUICHI.
WHATEVER, MAYUMI.

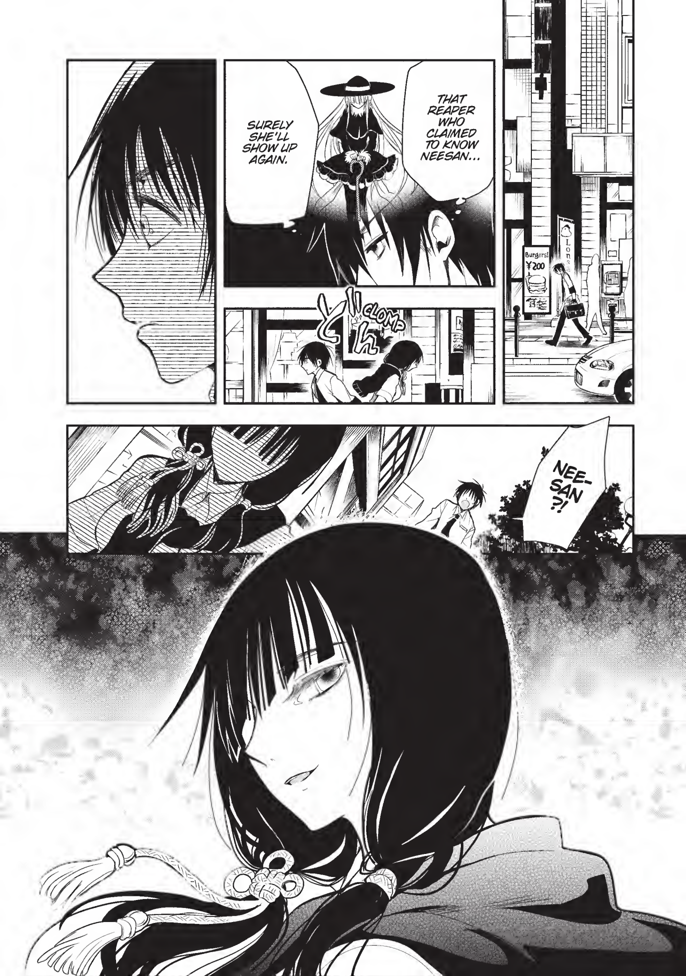

WAIT, YOU SHOULDN'T BE CALLING ME A SHRIMP. WE'RE THE SAME HEIGHT.
SORRY TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT I'VE GROWN ONE CENTIMETER SINCE WE LAST CHECKED.
?!
DAMN IT! NOW EVEN MAYUMI'S TALLER THAN ME?!
GRR! GRR!
I've gotta take more collagen, zinc, calcium, and phosphorus!
BY THE WAY...
WE'VE ALL NOTICED...
YOU HAVEN'T COME TO CLUB IN A WEEK. WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
I'VE BEEN BUSY TRAINING.
LIAR.
I KNOW YOU'RE STILL LOOKING FOR YOUR SISTER.
BUT WE HELPED YOU LOOK SIX YEARS AGO. WE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE!
IF SHE WAS CLOSE BY, WE WOULD HAVE FOUND HER THEN.
I HATE TO SAY THIS, BUT YOUR SISTER IS...
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, MAYUMI!

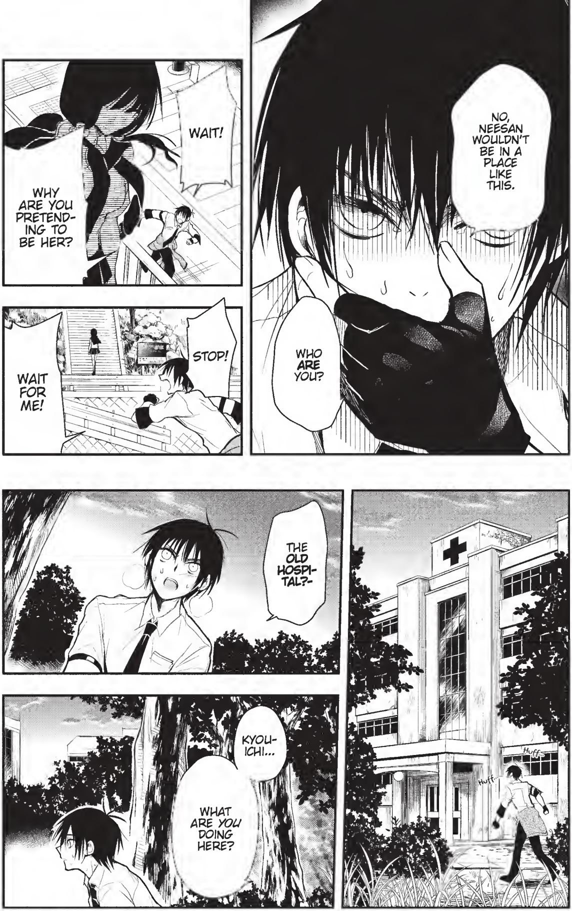

YOU DON'T KNOW JUST HOW MUCH I LOOKED UP TO HER...!!
OR HOW SAD I'VE BEEN SINCE HANAICHI-NEESAN VANISHED!
OF COURSE I DON'T KNOW.
YOU SEE, KYOUICHI...
I'VE ALWAYS HATED THAT SISTER OF YOURS.
I WAS RELIEVED WHEN SHE DISAPPEARED.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
shove
I WONDER WHAT SHE'D THINK IF SHE KNEW THAT HER BELOVED LITTLE BROTHER...
WAS WASTING HIS LIFE CHASING HER SHADOW.
......
KYOUICHI, WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS...

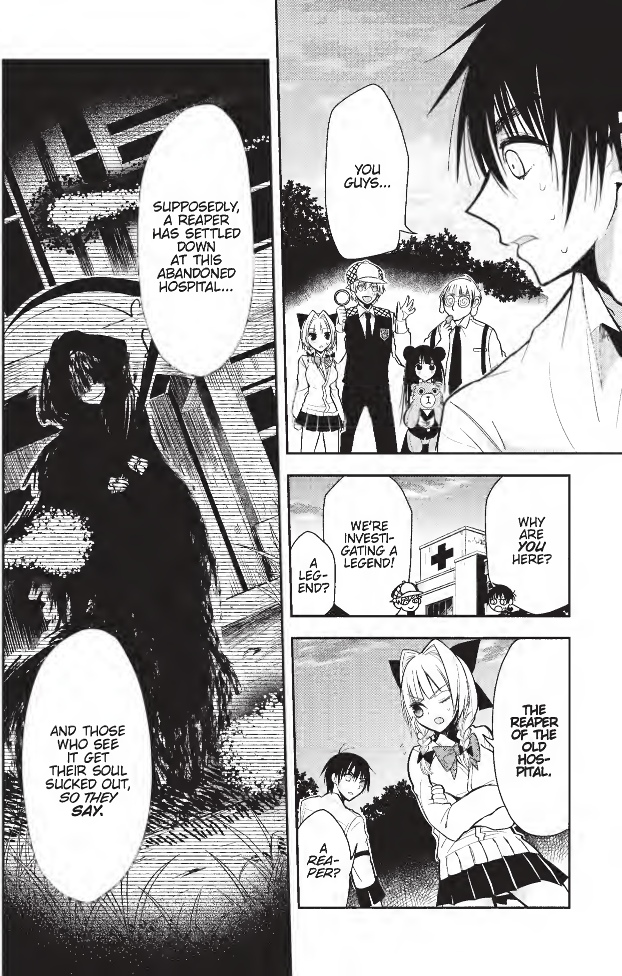

I DON'T WANT YOU...
TO BE STUCK ON HER FOR THE **REST OF YOUR LIFE.**
THE SOONER YOU MOVE ON...
THE SOONER THE POOR GIRL CAN **REST IN PEACE!**
Ho ho ho!
CLENCH...

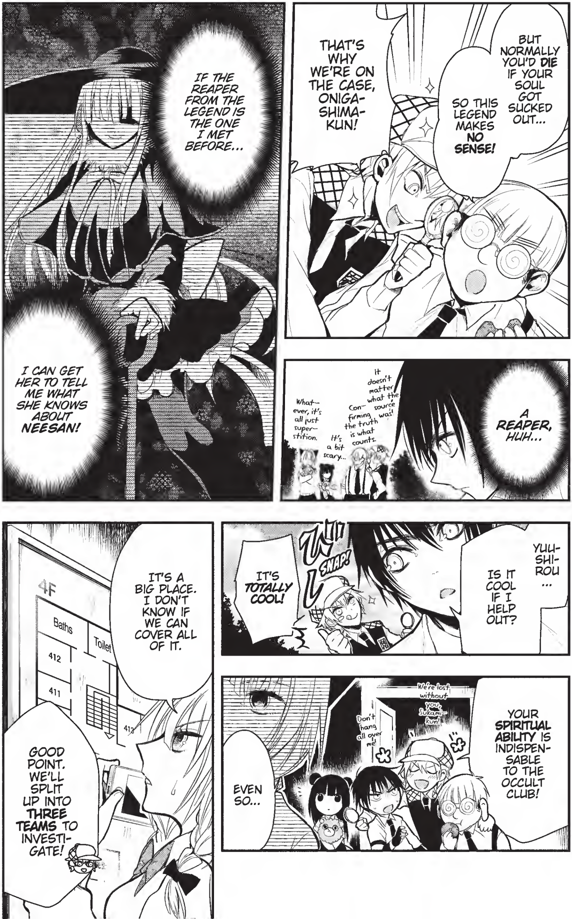

OKA-
POW
YUU-SHIROU?!
When did you...?
SUKAMI-KUN, YOU *MUSTN'T* HIT A GIRL.
ANYWAY, DON'T ACT SO SURPRISED TO SEE US!
WE'RE THE **OCCULT CLUB**, AFTER ALL.
SOLVING LEGENDS AND MYSTERIES THAT NORMAL PEOPLE IGNORE...
IS WHAT WE **DO BEST!**
clomp
clomp
SO, OF COURSE...
WE'LL ALSO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF YOUR **SISTER'S DISAPPEARANCE.**

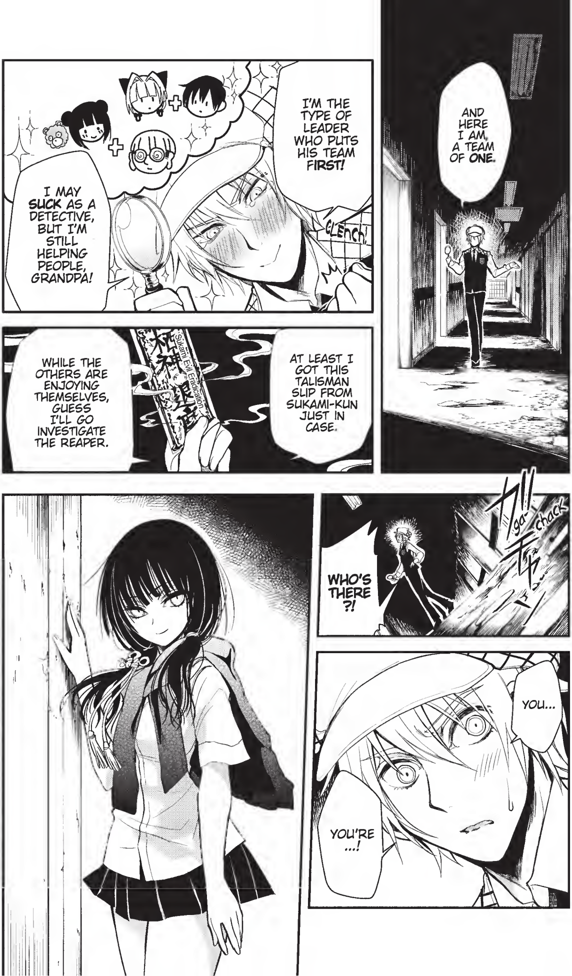

WE'LL FIND HER, *GUARANTEED!*
Huh?
Me too?
ミス・ドーナツ
MISS DONUT
LOW CALORIE
BESIDES, YOU'RE NOT THE *ONLY* ONE...
WHO'S SAD THAT SHE'S GONE.
stomp
KYOU-ICHI!
Well then...
I GUESS WE'LL JUST COMPETE TO SEE WHO CAN **FIND HER FASTER!**
LISTEN, YOU...

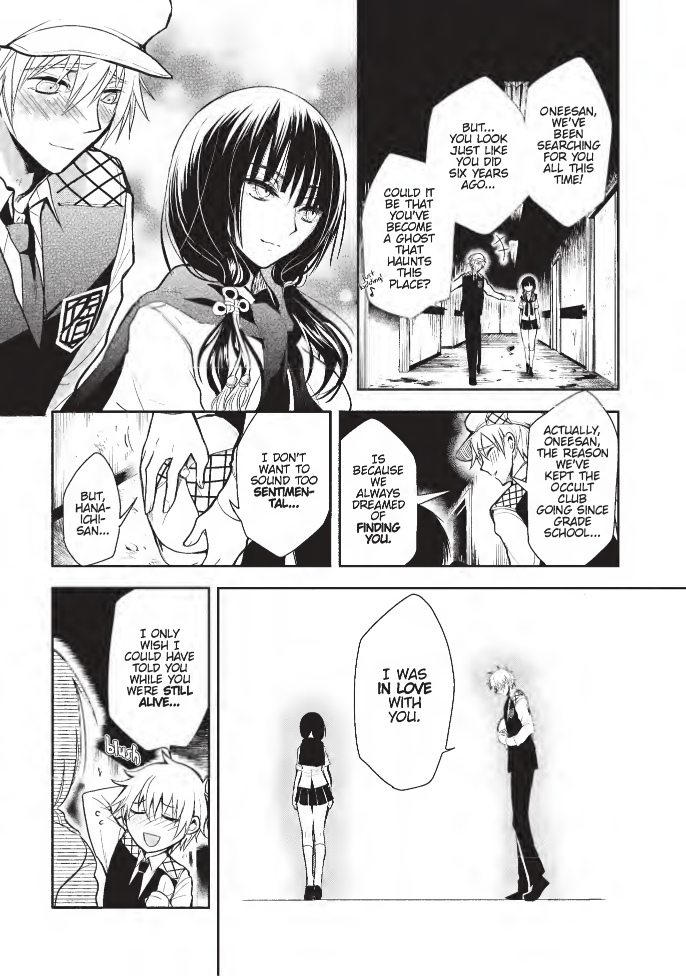

Burgers!
¥200
THAT REAPER WHO CLAIMED TO KNOW NEESAN...
SURELY SHE'LL SHOW UP AGAIN.
とん
CLOMP
NEE-SAN?!

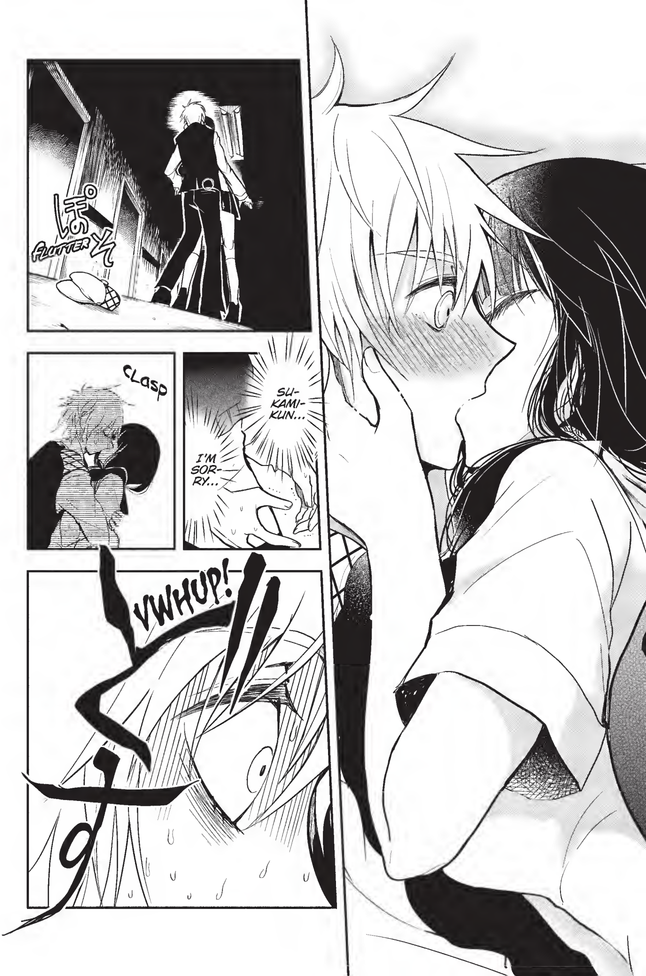

NO, NEESAN WOULDN'T BE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
WHO ARE YOU?
WAIT!
WHY ARE YOU PRETENDING TO BE HER?
STOP!
WAIT FOR ME!
Huff...
Huff...
THE OLD HOSPITAL?-
KYOUICHI...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?


YOU GUYS...
WHY ARE *YOU* HERE?
WE'RE INVESTIGATING A LEGEND!
A LEGEND?
THE REAPER OF THE OLD HOSPITAL.
A REAPER?
SUPPOSEDLY, A REAPER HAS SETTLED DOWN AT THIS ABANDONED HOSPITAL...
AND THOSE WHO SEE IT GET THEIR SOUL SUCKED OUT, *SO THEY SAY.*


BUT NORMALLY YOU'D **DIE** IF YOUR SOUL GOT SUCKED OUT...
SO THIS LEGEND MAKES **NO SENSE!**
THAT'S WHY WE'RE ON THE CASE, ONIGASHIMA-KUN!
A *REAPER, HUH...*
It doesn't matter what the source was!
Confirming the truth is what counts.
It's a bit scary...
Whatever, it's all just superstition.
IF THE REAPER FROM THE LEGEND IS THE ONE I MET BEFORE...
*I CAN GET HER TO TELL ME WHAT SHE KNOWS ABOUT **NEESAN!***
YUUSHIROU...
IS IT COOL IF I HELP OUT?
SNAP!
IT'S ***TOTALLY COOL!***
YOUR **SPIRITUAL ABILITY** IS INDISPENSABLE TO THE OCCULT CLUB!
We're lost without you, Sukami-kun!
Don't hang all over me!
EVEN SO...
4F
Baths
Toilet
412
411
413
IT'S A BIG PLACE. I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN COVER ALL OF IT.
GOOD POINT. WE'LL SPLIT UP INTO **THREE TEAMS** TO INVESTIGATE!


AND HERE I AM, A TEAM OF **ONE**.
I'M THE TYPE OF LEADER WHO PUTS HIS TEAM **FIRST!**
CLENCH!
I MAY **SUCK** AS A DETECTIVE, BUT I'M STILL HELPING PEOPLE, GRANDPA!
AT LEAST I GOT THIS TALISMAN SLIP FROM SUKAMI-KUN JUST IN CASE.
Sukami Evil Eradication
WHILE THE OTHERS ARE ENJOYING THEMSELVES, GUESS I'LL GO INVESTIGATE THE REAPER.
ga-chack
WHO'S THERE?!
YOU...
YOU'RE ...!


ONEESAN, WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU ALL THIS TIME!
BUT... YOU LOOK JUST LIKE YOU DID SIX YEARS AGO...
COULD IT BE THAT YOU'VE BECOME A GHOST THAT HAUNTS THIS PLACE?
Just kidding! ♪
ACTUALLY, ONEESAN, THE REASON WE'VE KEPT THE OCCULT CLUB GOING SINCE GRADE SCHOOL...
IS BECAUSE WE ALWAYS DREAMED OF FINDING YOU.
I DON'T WANT TO SOUND TOO SENTIMENTAL...
BUT, HANAICHI-SAN...
I WAS IN LOVE WITH YOU.
I ONLY WISH I COULD HAVE TOLD YOU WHILE YOU WERE STILL ALIVE...
blush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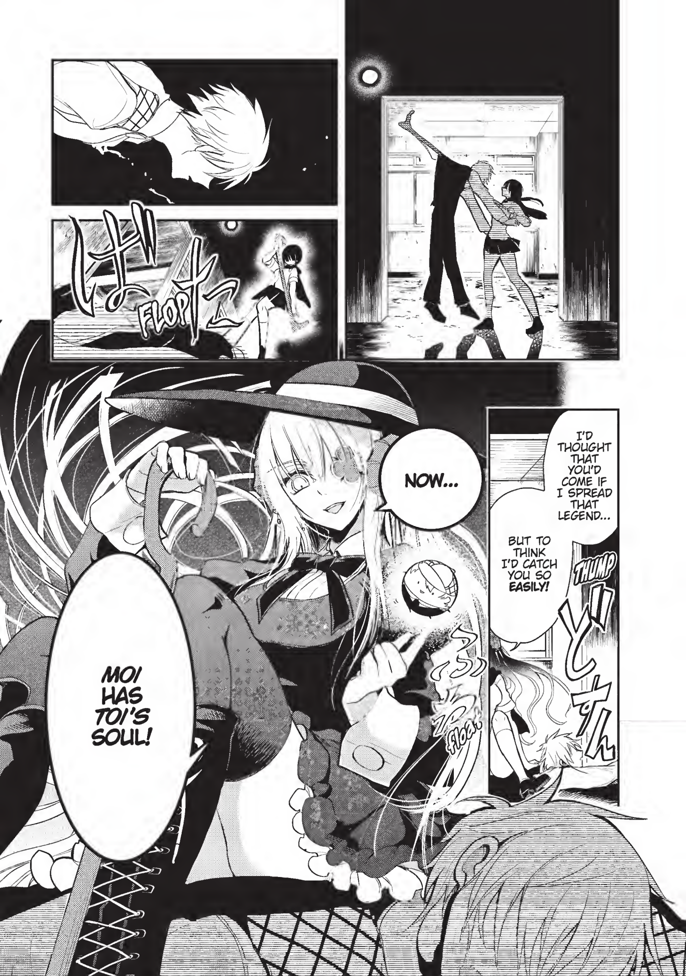
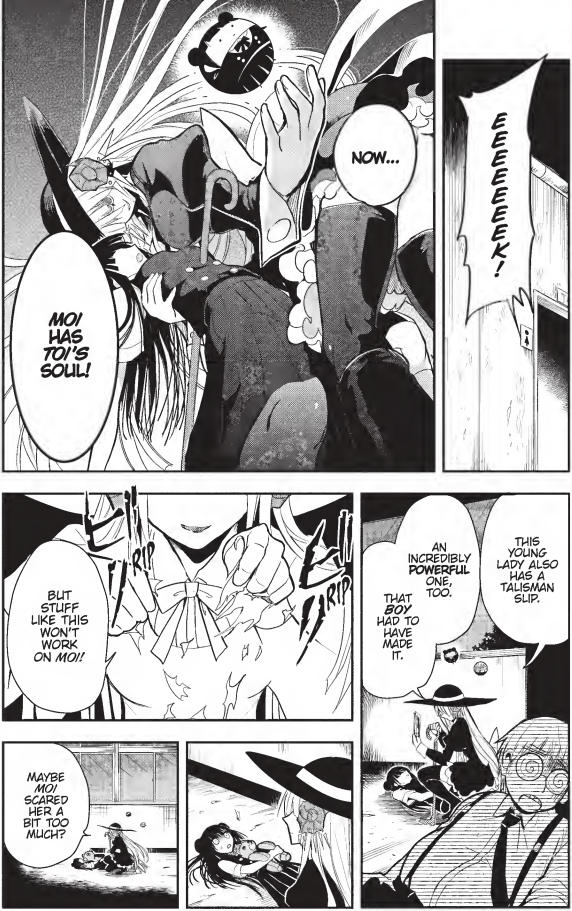
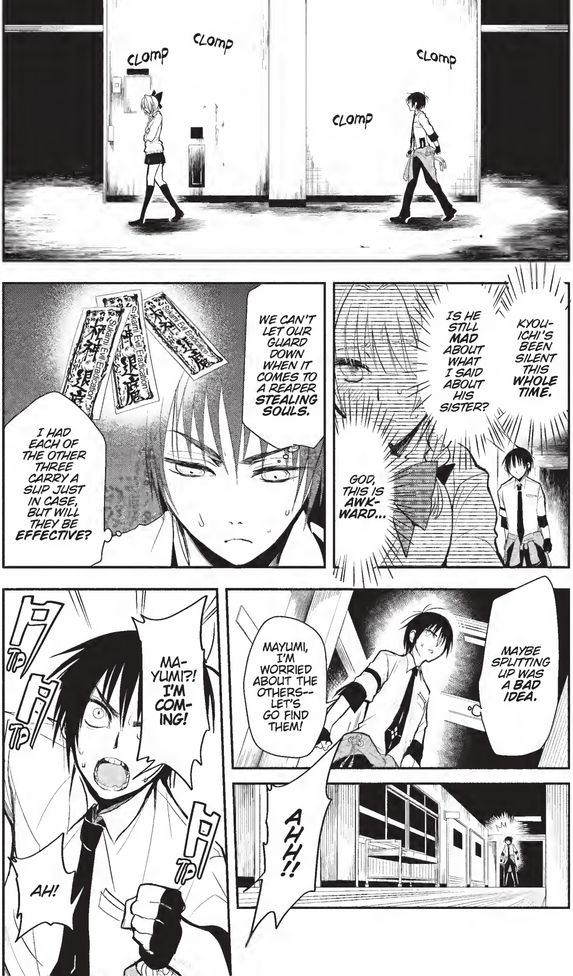
FLUTTER
SU-KAMI-KUN...
I'M SORRY...
CLASP
VWHUP!


ばたっ
FLOP
I'D THOUGHT THAT YOU'D COME IF I SPREAD THAT LEGEND...
BUT TO THINK I'D CATCH YOU SO EASILY!
THUMP
どすん
NOW...
ふわ
float
MOI HAS TOI'S SOUL!


EEEEEEEK!
NOW...
MOI HAS TOI'S SOUL!
THIS YOUNG LADY ALSO HAS A TALISMAN SLIP.
AN INCREDIBLY POWERFUL ONE, TOO.
THAT BOY HAD TO HAVE MADE IT.
RIP
RIP
BUT STUFF LIKE THIS WON'T WORK ON MOI!
MAYBE MOI SCARED HER A BIT TOO MUCH?


CLOMP
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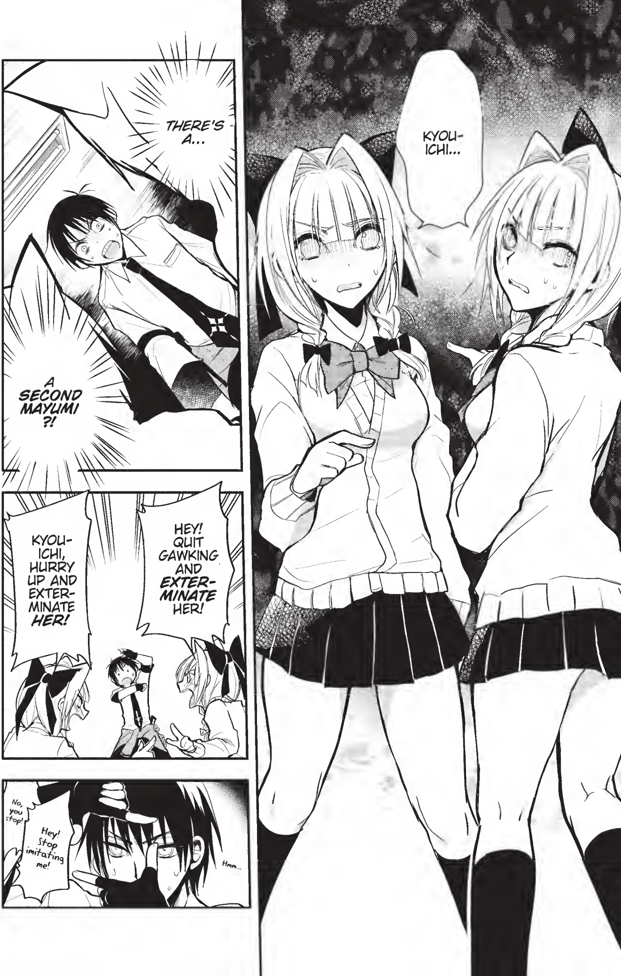
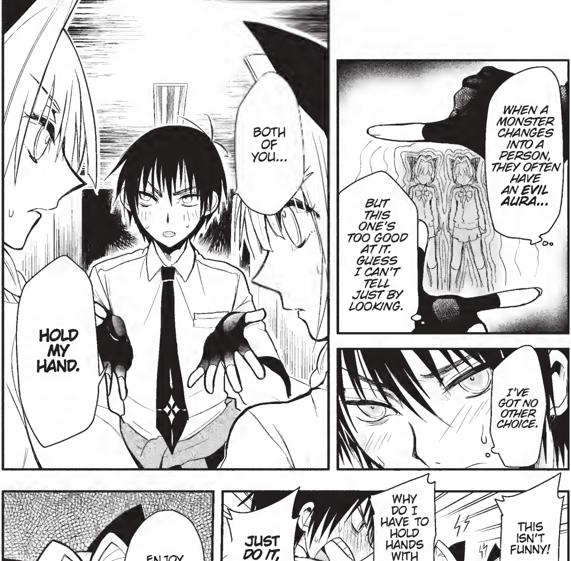
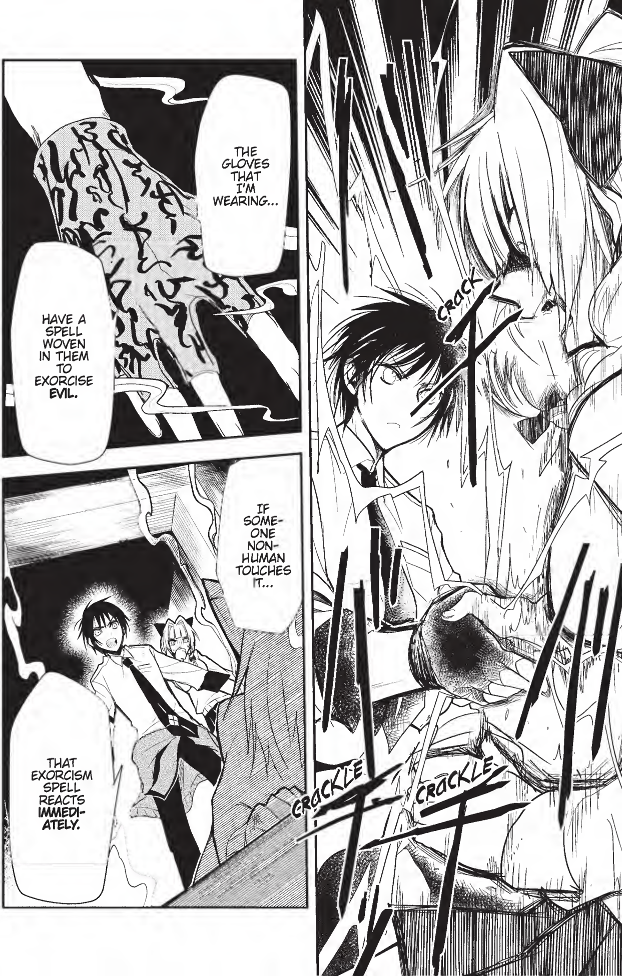
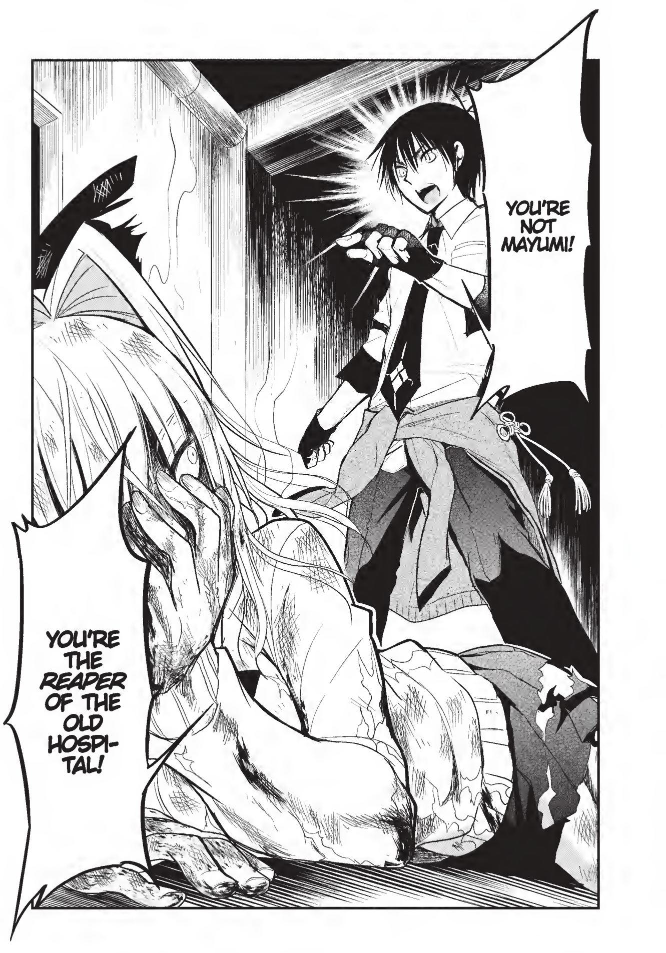
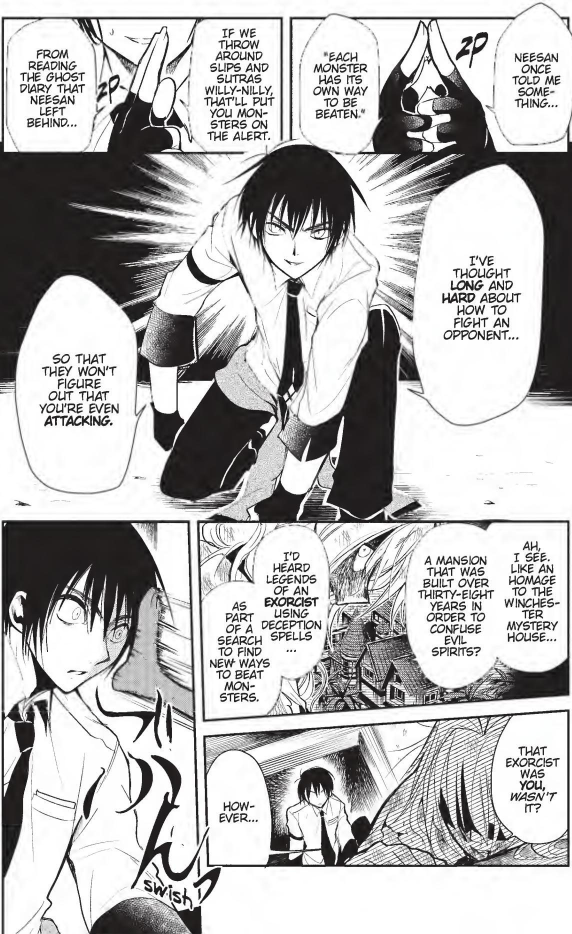
KYOU-ICHI'S BEEN SILENT THIS WHOLE TIME.
IS HE STILL MAD ABOUT WHAT I SAID ABOUT HIS SISTER?
GOD, THIS IS AWK-WARD...
WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN WHEN IT COMES TO A REAPER STEALING SOULS.
Sukami Evil Eradication
Sukami Evil Eradication
Sukami Evil Eradication
I HAD EACH OF THE OTHER THREE CARRY A SLIP JUST IN CASE, BUT WILL THEY BE EFFECTIVE?
MAYBE SPLITTING UP WAS A BAD IDEA.
MAYUMI, I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE OTHERS--LET'S GO FIND THEM!
AHH!!
MA-YUMI?! I'M COM-ING!
TP
TP
TP
TP
AH!

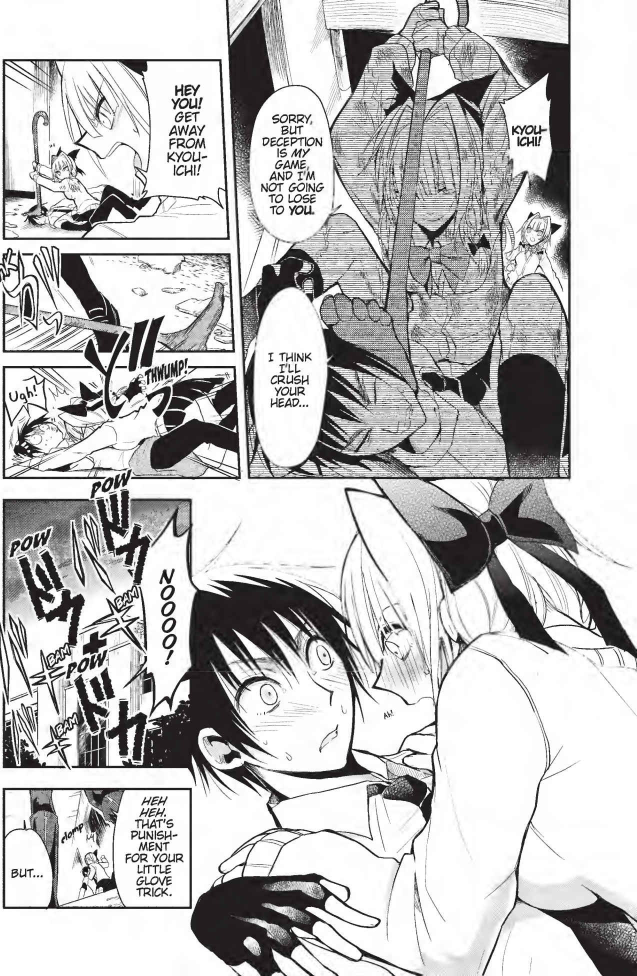

KYOU-ICHI...
THERE'S A...
A SECOND MAYUMI ?!
HEY! QUIT GAWKING AND *EXTERMINATE* HER!
KYOU-ICHI, HURRY UP AND EXTERMINATE *HER!*
Hmm...
Hey! Stop imitating me!
No, you stop!

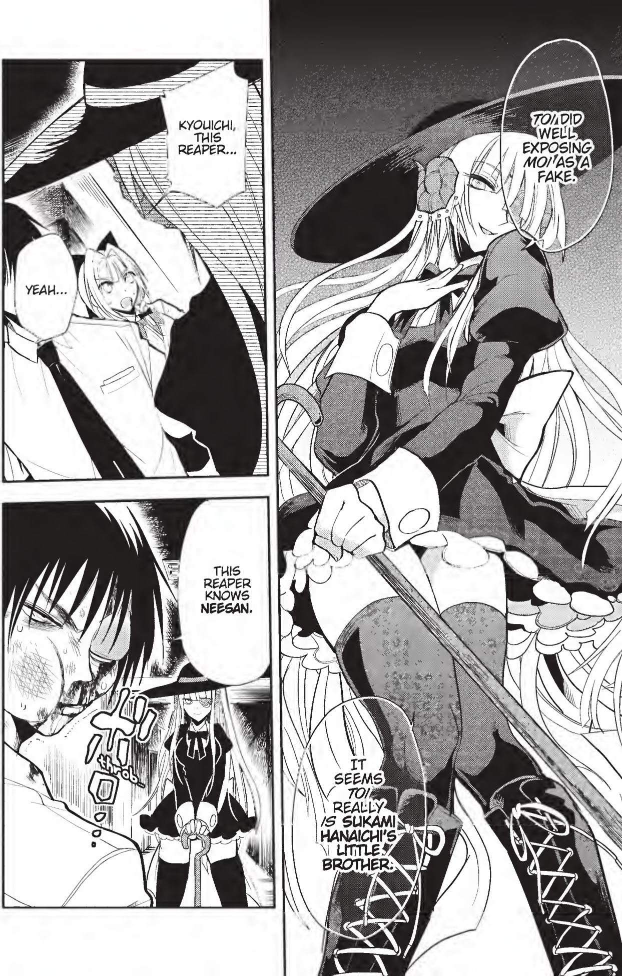

WHEN A MONSTER CHANGES INTO A PERSON, THEY OFTEN HAVE AN **EVIL AURA...**
BUT THIS ONE'S TOO GOOD AT IT. GUESS I CAN'T TELL JUST BY LOOKING.
I'VE GOT NO OTHER CHOICE.
BOTH OF YOU...
HOLD MY HAND.
THIS ISN'T FUNNY!
WHY DO I HAVE TO HOLD HANDS WITH ***YOU?!***
JUST *DO IT*, OKAY ?!
I don't like it either!
KYOUICHI'S HAND IS PRETTY ROUGH.
HE MAY BE ***SHORT***, BUT HE ***IS*** STILL A GUY.
NOW, THE OTHER MAYUMI TOO.
ENJOY THIS WHILE IT LASTS, KYOUICHI.

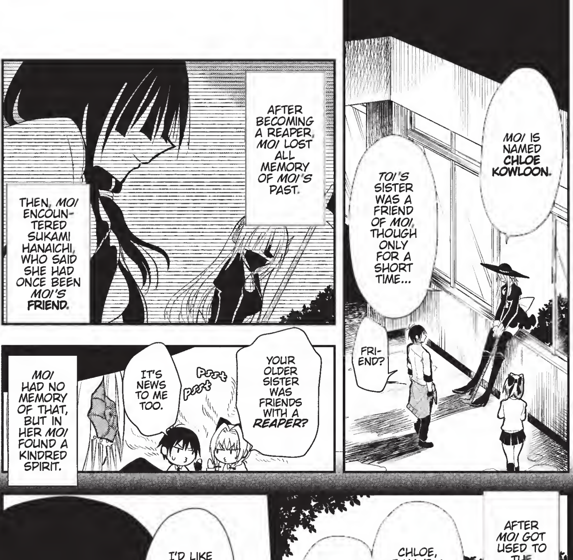

CRACK
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
THE GLOVES THAT I'M WEARING...
HAVE A SPELL WOVEN IN THEM TO EXORCISE **EVIL.**
IF SOMEONE NON-HUMAN TOUCHES IT...
THAT EXORCISM SPELL REACTS **IMMEDIATELY.**

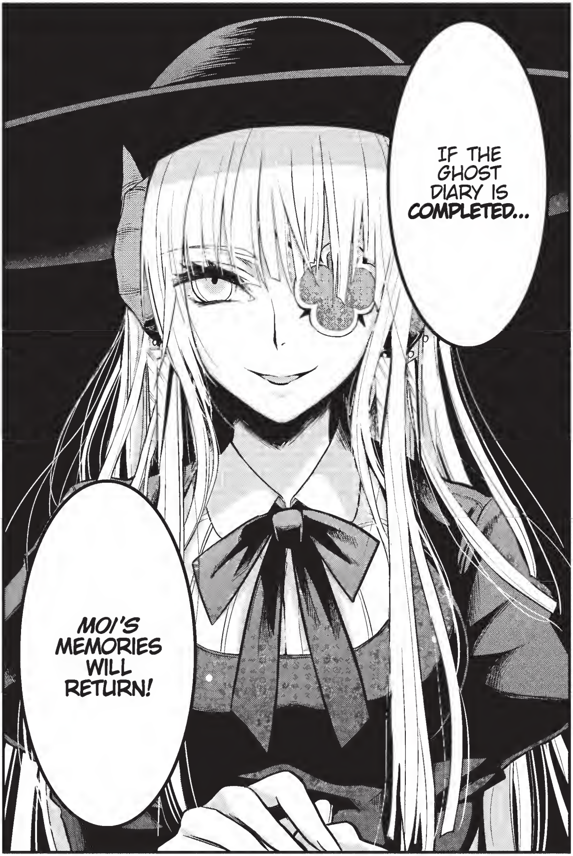

YOU'RE NOT MAYUMI!
YOU'RE THE *REAPER* OF THE OLD HOSPITAL!

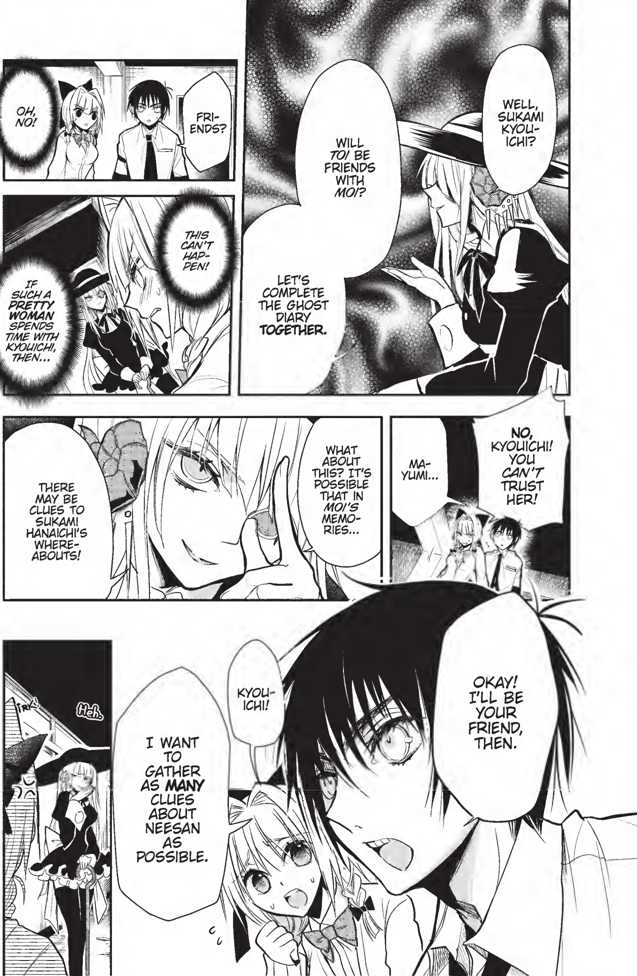

NEESAN ONCE TOLD ME SOME-THING...
ZP
"EACH MONSTER HAS ITS OWN WAY TO BE BEATEN."
IF WE THROW AROUND SLIPS AND SUTRAS WILLY-NILLY, THAT'LL PUT YOU MON-STERS ON THE ALERT.
ZP
FROM READING THE GHOST DIARY THAT NEESAN LEFT BEHIND...
I'VE THOUGHT **LONG** AND **HARD** ABOUT HOW TO FIGHT AN OPPONENT...
SO THAT THEY WON'T FIGURE OUT THAT YOU'RE EVEN **ATTACKING.**
AH, I SEE. LIKE AN HOMAGE TO THE WINCHES-TER MYSTERY HOUSE...
A MANSION THAT WAS BUILT OVER THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS IN ORDER TO CONFUSE EVIL SPIRITS?
I'D HEARD LEGENDS OF AN **EXORCIST** USING DECEPTION SPELLS ...
AS PART OF A SEARCH TO FIND NEW WAYS TO BEAT MON-STERS.
THAT EXORCIST WAS **YOU,** *WASN'T* IT?
HOW-EVER...
swish

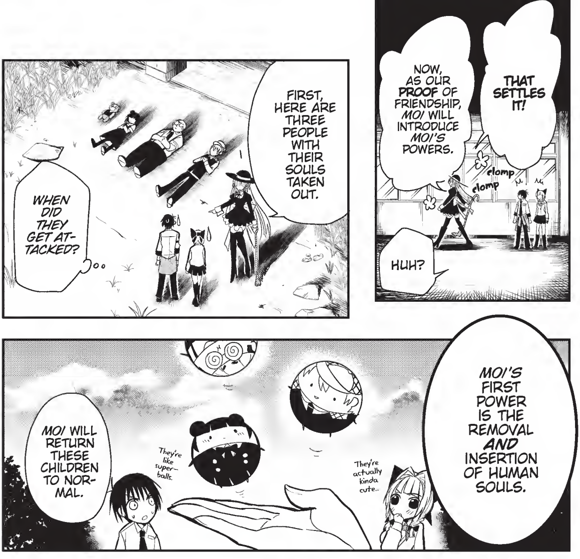

KYOU-ICHI!
SORRY, BUT DECEPTION IS MY GAME, AND I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE TO YOU.
I THINK I'LL CRUSH YOUR HEAD...
HEY YOU! GET AWAY FROM KYOU-ICHI!
yoink
THWUMP!
Ugh!
POW
POW
BAM
BAM
POW
BAM
NOOOO!
Ah!
HEH HEH. THAT'S PUNISHMENT FOR YOUR LITTLE GLOVE TRICK.
clomp
BUT...

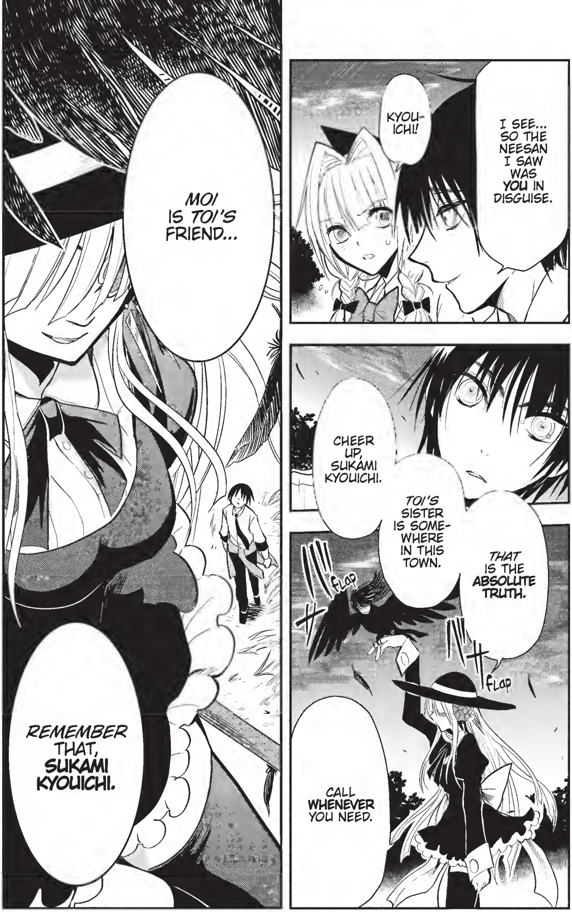

TOI DID WELL EXPOSING *MOI* AS A FAKE.
IT SEEMS *TOI* REALLY *IS* SUKAMI HANAICHI'S LITTLE BROTHER.
KYOUICHI, THIS REAPER...
YEAH...
THIS REAPER KNOWS **NEESAN.**
throb...

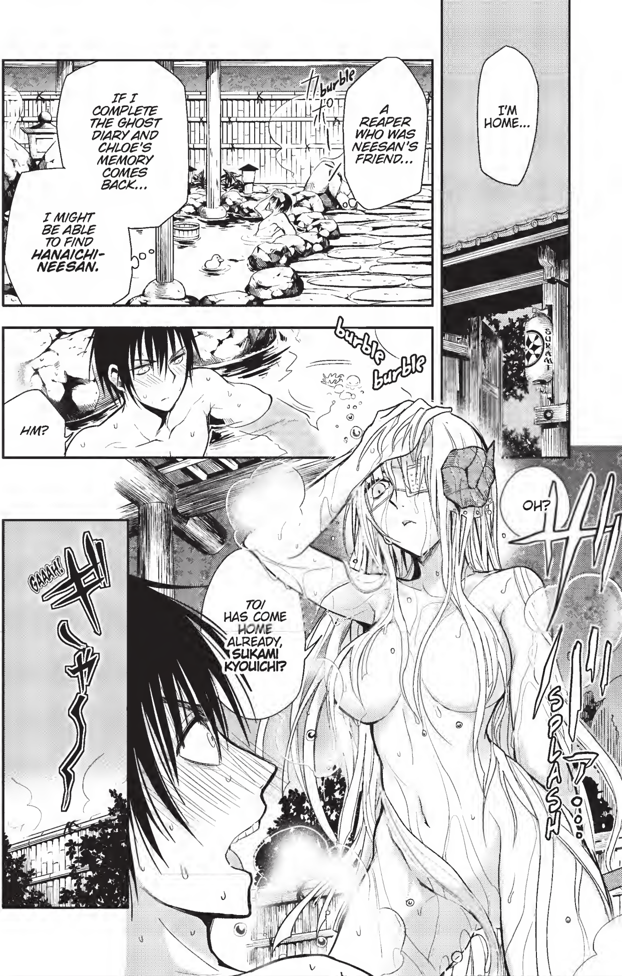

MOI IS NAMED CHLOE KOWLOON.
TOI'S SISTER WAS A FRIEND OF MOI, THOUGH ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME...
FRIEND?
AFTER BECOMING A REAPER, MOI LOST ALL MEMORY OF MOI'S PAST.
THEN, MOI ENCOUNTERED SUKAMI HANAICHI, WHO SAID SHE HAD ONCE BEEN MOI'S FRIEND.
YOUR OLDER SISTER WAS FRIENDS WITH A REAPER?
Psst psst
IT'S NEWS TO ME TOO.
MOI HAD NO MEMORY OF THAT, BUT IN HER MOI FOUND A KINDRED SPIRIT.
AFTER MOI GOT USED TO THE WORK OF A REAPER...
CHLOE, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU, AS A FRIEND.
I'VE PUT SPECIAL SPELLS IN THIS BOOK.
I'D LIKE YOU TO COMPLETE THIS GHOST DIARY...
WITH A BOY WHO HAS THE SAME FACE AS ME.
IF YOU DO THAT...

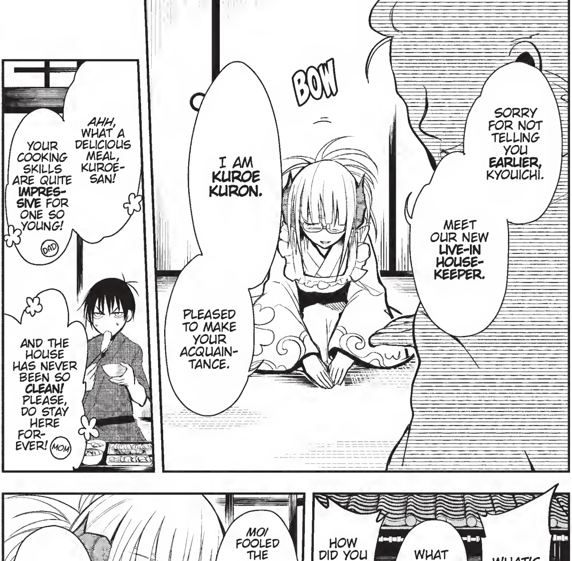

IF THE GHOST DIARY IS **COMPLETED...**
MOI'S MEMORIES WILL RETURN!

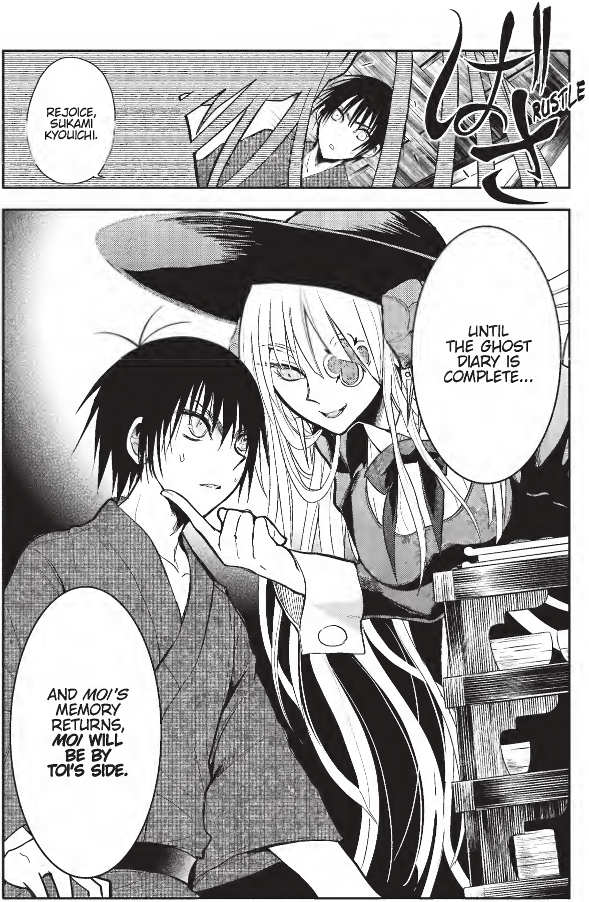

WELL, SUKAMI KYOUICHI?
WILL *TOI* BE FRIENDS WITH *MOI*?
LET'S COMPLETE THE GHOST DIARY **TOGETHER.**
FRIENDS?
OH, NO!
THIS CAN'T HAPPEN!
IF SUCH A **PRETTY WOMAN** SPENDS TIME WITH KYOUICHI, THEN...
NO, KYOUICHI! YOU *CAN'T* TRUST HER!
MAYUMI...
WHAT ABOUT THIS? IT'S POSSIBLE THAT IN *MOI'S* MEMORIES...
THERE MAY BE CLUES TO SUKAMI HANAICHI'S WHEREABOUTS!
OKAY! I'LL BE YOUR FRIEND, THEN.
KYOUICHI!
I WANT TO GATHER AS **MANY** CLUES ABOUT NEESAN AS POSSIBLE.
Heh.
IRK!


THAT SETTLES IT!
NOW, AS OUR PROOF OF FRIENDSHIP, MOI WILL INTRODUCE MOI'S POWERS.
clomp
clomp
HUH?
FIRST, HERE ARE THREE PEOPLE WITH THEIR SOULS TAKEN OUT.
WHEN DID THEY GET ATTACKED?
MOI'S FIRST POWER IS THE REMOVAL AND INSERTION OF HUMAN SOULS.
They're actually kinda cute..
They're like super-balls.
MOI WILL RETURN THESE CHILDREN TO NORMAL.
MOI'S OTHER POWER IS THIS...
zzzp
I CAN CHANGE INTO ANYONE.
zzzp
THIS POWER IS FOR REASSURING THE DECEASED AND LEADING THEM ON TO THE NEXT WORLD.


I SEE... SO THE NEESAN I SAW WAS **YOU** IN DISGUISE.
KYOU-ICHI!
CHEER UP, SUKAMI KYOUICHI.
TOI'S SISTER IS SOME-WHERE IN THIS TOWN.
THAT IS THE **ABSOLUTE TRUTH.**
FLAP
FLAP
CALL **WHENEVER** YOU NEED.
MOI IS *TOI'S* FRIEND...
REMEMBER THAT, **SUKAMI KYOUICHI.**


I'M HOME...
SUKAMI
burble
A REAPER WHO WAS NEESAN'S FRIEND...
IF I COMPLETE THE GHOST DIARY AND CHLOE'S MEMORY COMES BACK...
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND HANAICHI-NEESAN.
burble burble
HM?
OH?
SPLASH
TOI HAS COME HOME ALREADY, SUKAMI KYOUICHI?
GAAAH!


SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU EARLIER, KYOUICHI.
MEET OUR NEW LIVE-IN HOUSEKEEPER.
BOW
I AM KUROE KURON.
PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.
AHH, WHAT A DELICIOUS MEAL, KUROE-SAN!
YOUR COOKING SKILLS ARE QUITE IMPRESSIVE FOR ONE SO YOUNG!
DAD
AND THE HOUSE HAS NEVER BEEN SO CLEAN! PLEASE, DO STAY HERE FOREVER!
MOM
WHAT'S THE DEAL, CHLOE?!
WHAT "DEAL" IS TOI REFERRING TO?
HOW DID YOU GET PAST THE HOUSE'S BARRIER?!
BE SILENT.
MOI FOOLED THE BARRIER BY BEING ON A WAVELENGTH SIMILAR TO A HUMAN'S.
MOI GAINED A HINT FROM HOW TOI BEAT MOI, AND SNUCK IN.
OKAY, BUT WHY DID YOU NEED TO SNEAK IN?!
BECAUSE IT BENEFITS MOI TO BE HERE.


RUSTLE
REJOICE, SUKAMI KYOUICHI.
UNTIL THE GHOST DIARY IS COMPLETE...
AND *MOI'S* MEMORY RETURNS, *MOI* WILL BE BY TOI'S SIDE.

Back Cover Line Drawing

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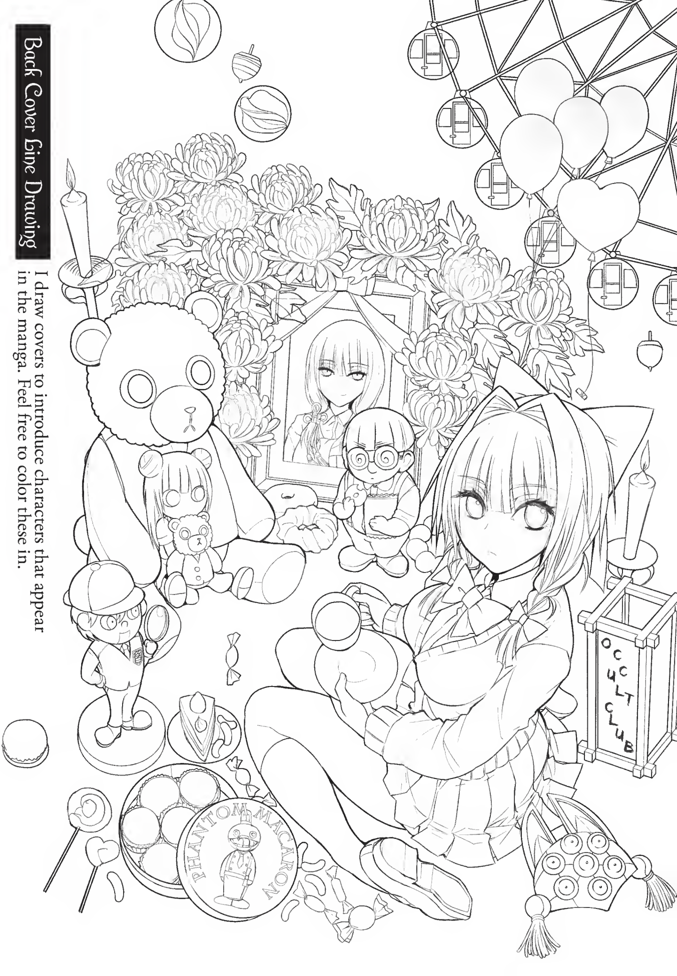
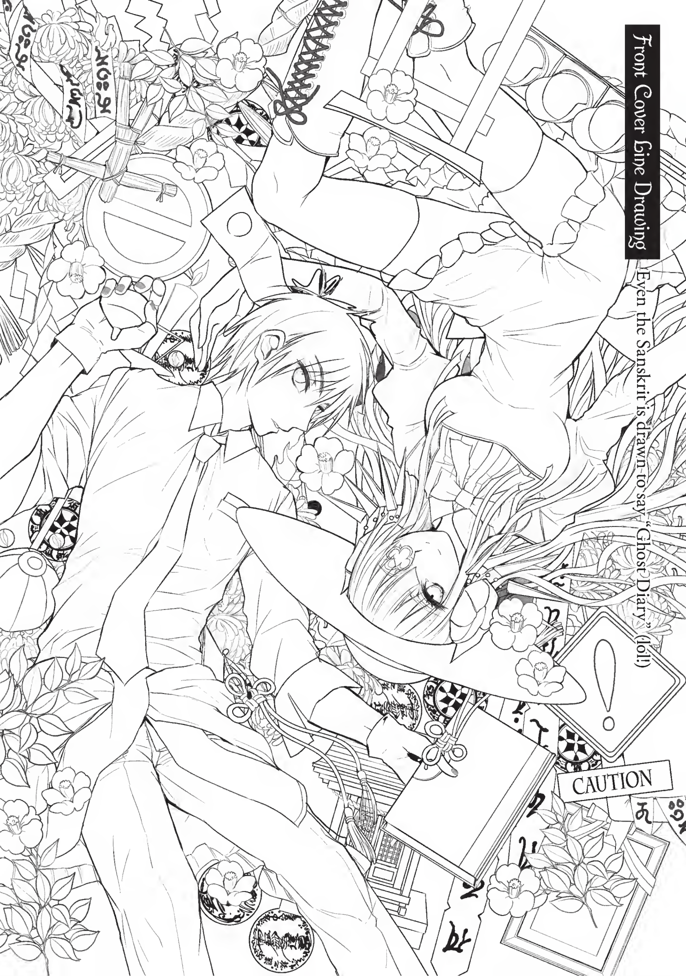

OCCULT CLUB
PHANTOM MACARON



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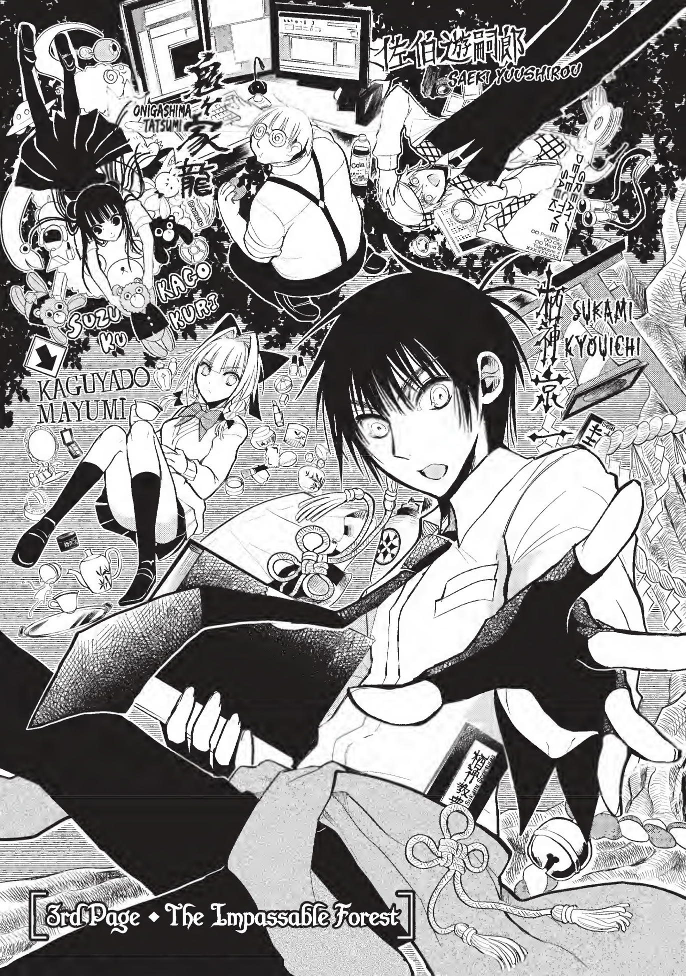

3rd Page ◆ The Impassable Forest

佐伯遊嗣郎
SAEKI YUUSHIROU
GREAT DETECTIVE SAEKI
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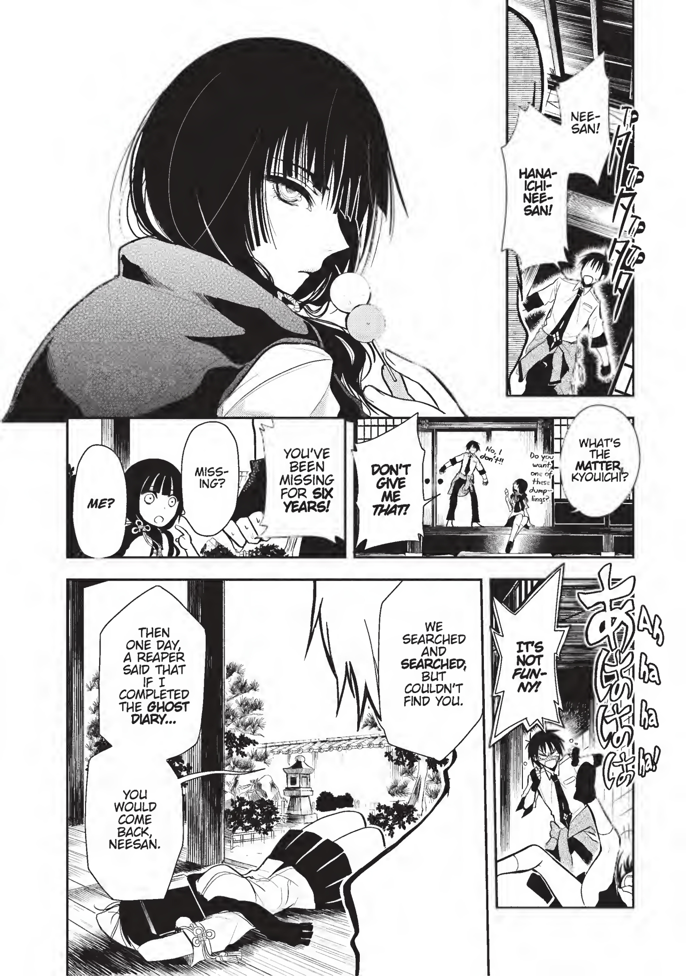
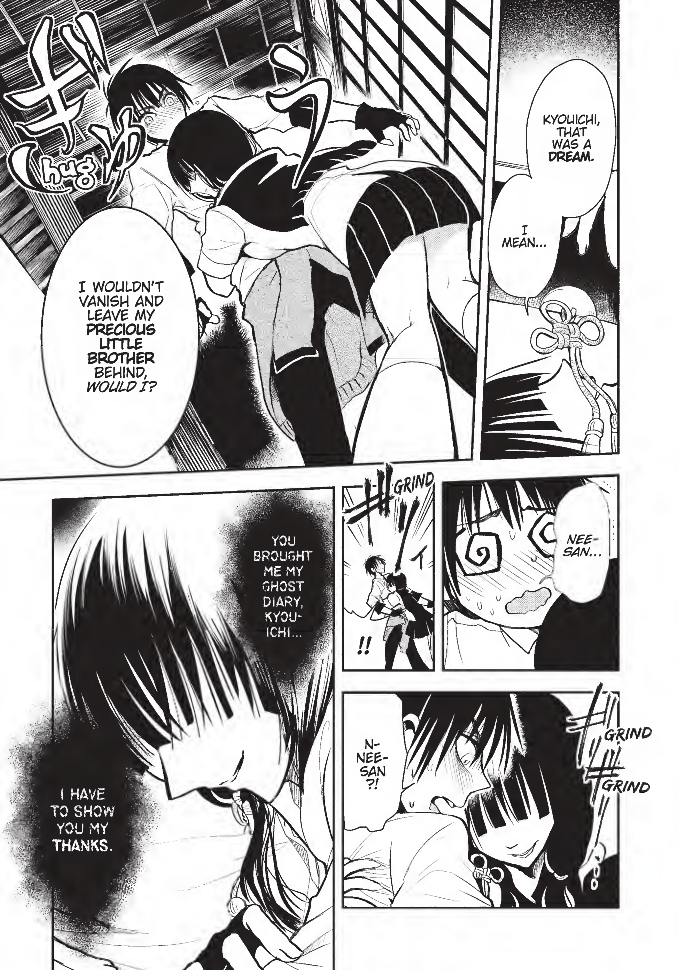
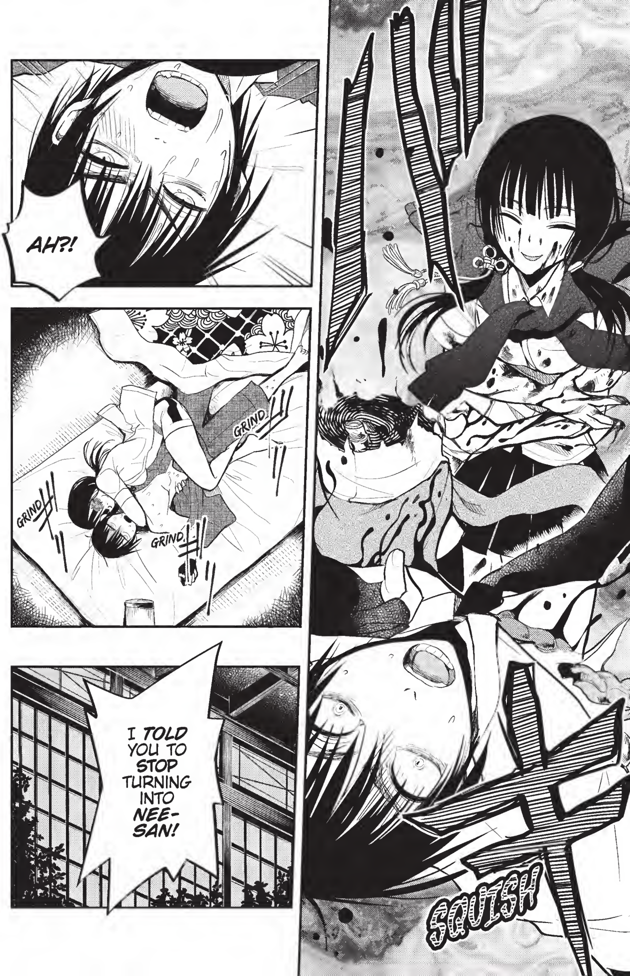
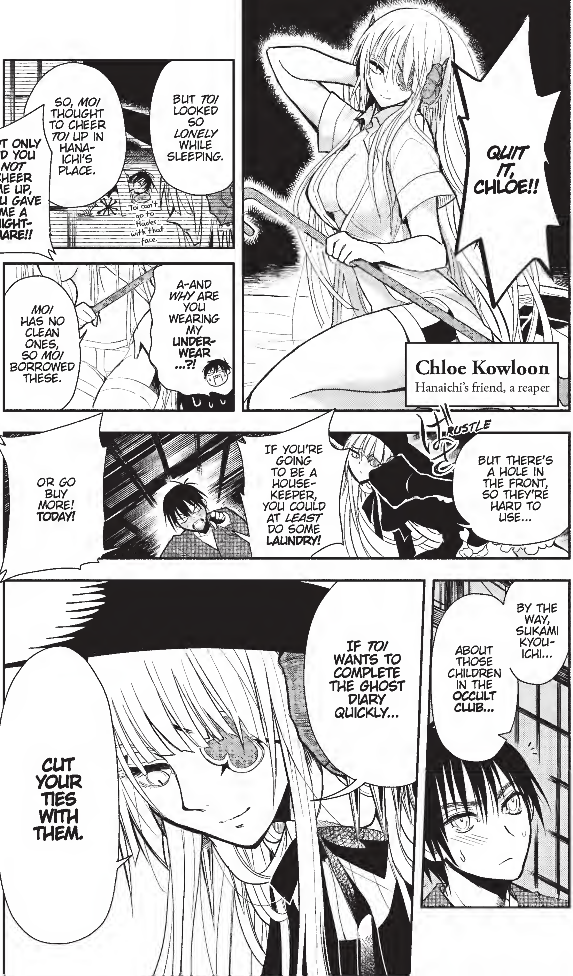
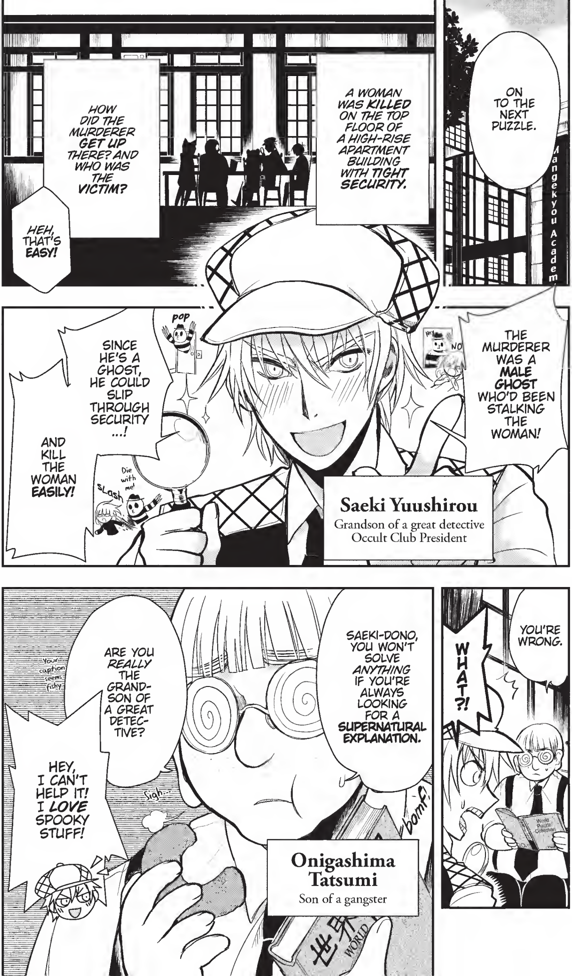
ONIGASHIMA TATSUMI
Cola
Low Calorie
Donuts
KAGO KURI
SUZU KU
KAGUYADO MAYUMI
栖神京一
SUKAMI KYOUICHI
Seal
栖神教典
Sukami Scriptures

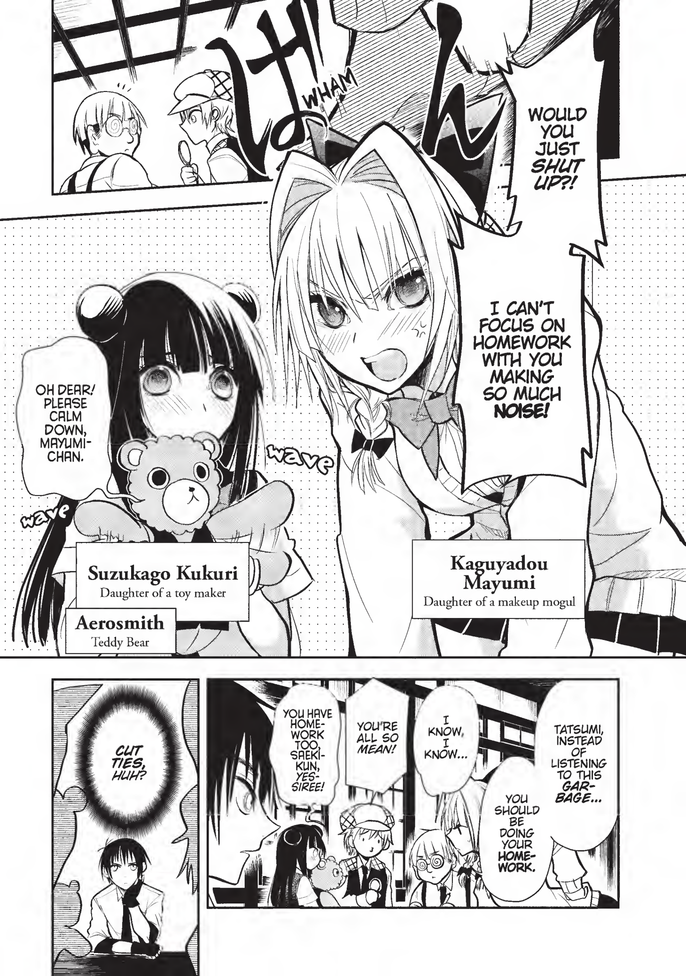

NEE-SAN!
HANACHI-NEE-SAN!
TP TP TP TUP
WHAT'S THE MATTER, KYOUICHI?
Do you want one of these dumplings?
No, I don't!!
DON'T GIVE ME THAT!
YOU'VE BEEN MISSING FOR SIX YEARS!
MISSING?
ME?
あははは Ah ha ha ha!
IT'S NOT FUNNY!
WE SEARCHED AND SEARCHED, BUT COULDN'T FIND YOU.
THEN ONE DAY, A REAPER SAID THAT IF I COMPLETED THE GHOST DIARY...
YOU WOULD COME BACK, NEESAN.

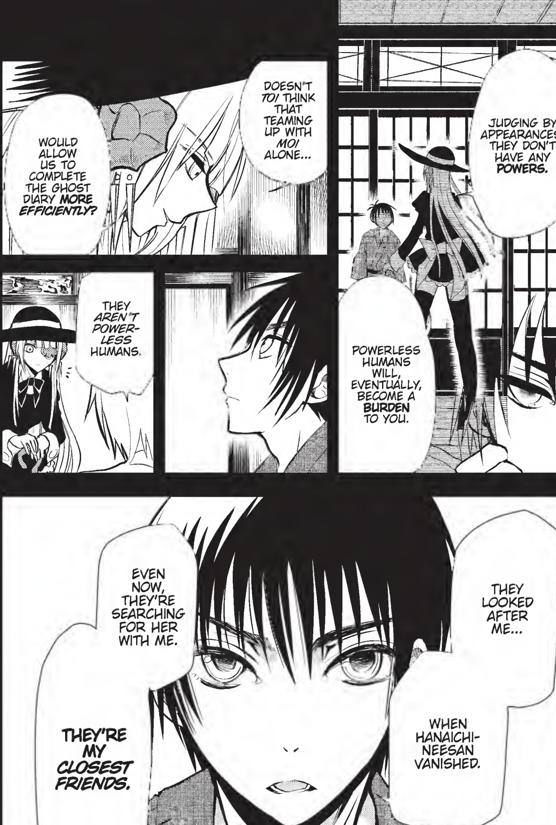

KYOUICHI, THAT WAS A DREAM.
I MEAN...
(hug)
I WOULDN'T VANISH AND LEAVE MY PRECIOUS LITTLE BROTHER BEHIND, WOULD I?
NEE-SAN...
GRIND
!!
N-NEE-SAN?!
GRIND
GRIND
YOU BROUGHT ME MY GHOST DIARY, KYOU-ICHI...
I HAVE TO SHOW YOU MY THANKS.

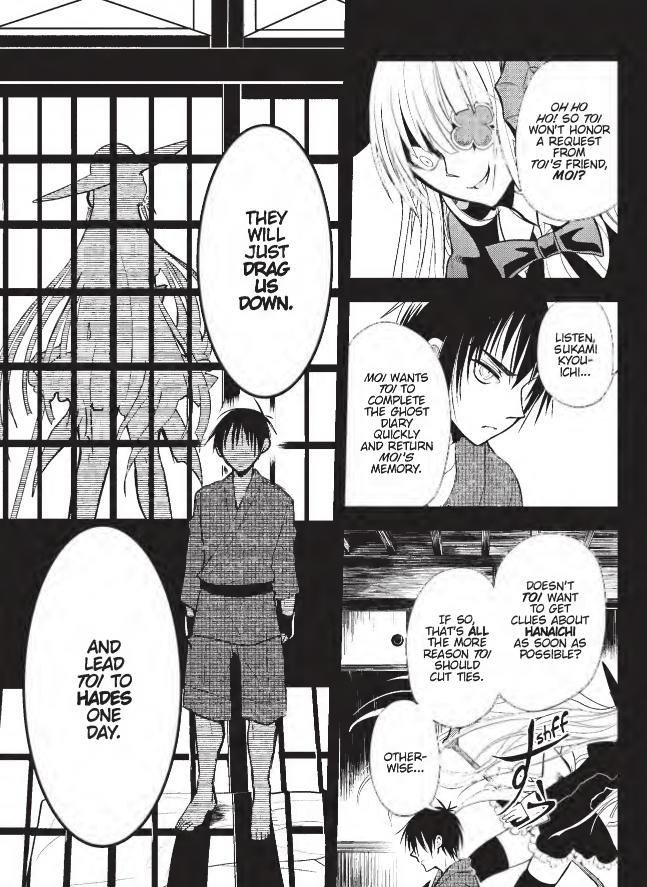

SQUISH
AH?!
GRIND
GRIND
GRIND
I TOLD YOU TO STOP TURNING INTO NEE-SAN!

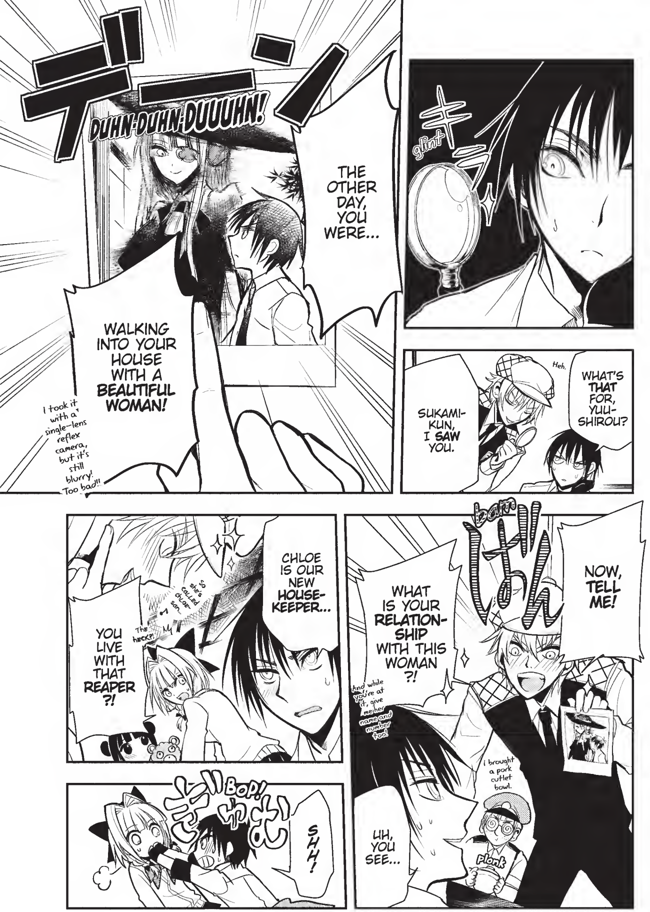

QUIT IT, CHLOE!!
Chloe Kowloon
Hanaichi's friend, a reaper
BUT TOI LOOKED SO LONELY WHILE SLEEPING.
SO, MOI THOUGHT TO CHEER TOI UP IN HANAICHI'S PLACE.
NOT ONLY DID YOU NOT CHEER ME UP, YOU GAVE ME A NIGHTMARE!!
Toi can't go to Hades with that face.
A-AND WHY ARE YOU WEARING MY UNDERWEAR...?!
MOI HAS NO CLEAN ONES, SO MOI BORROWED THESE.
RUSTLE
BUT THERE'S A HOLE IN THE FRONT, SO THEY'RE HARD TO USE...
IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE A HOUSEKEEPER, YOU COULD AT LEAST DO SOME LAUNDRY!
OR GO BUY MORE! TODAY!
BY THE WAY, SUKAMI KYOUICHI...
ABOUT THOSE CHILDREN IN THE OCCULT CLUB...
IF TOI WANTS TO COMPLETE THE GHOST DIARY QUICKLY...
CUT YOUR TIES WITH THEM.

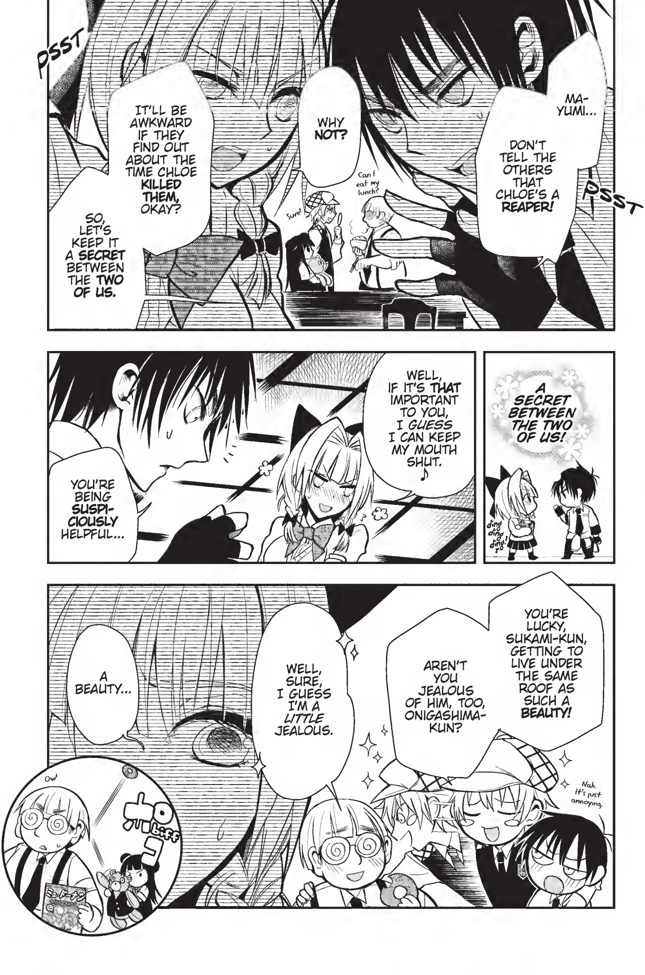

ON TO THE NEXT PUZZLE.
Mangekyou Academ
A WOMAN WAS **KILLED** ON THE TOP FLOOR OF A HIGH-RISE APARTMENT BUILDING WITH **TIGHT SECURITY.**
HOW DID THE MURDERER **GET UP** THERE? AND WHO WAS THE **VICTIM?**
HEH, THAT'S **EASY!**
THE MURDERER WAS A **MALE GHOST** WHO'D BEEN STALKING THE WOMAN!
HEY
NO
POP
SINCE HE'S A GHOST, HE COULD SLIP THROUGH SECURITY ...!
AND KILL THE WOMAN **EASILY!**
Die with me!
SLASH
Saeki Yuushirou
Grandson of a great detective
Occult Club President
YOU'RE WRONG.
WHAT?!
World Puzzle Collection
SAEKI-DONO, YOU WON'T SOLVE *ANYTHING* IF YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A **SUPERNATURAL EXPLANATION.**
ARE YOU *REALLY* THE GRANDSON OF A GREAT DETECTIVE?
Your caption seems fishy.
HEY, I CAN'T HELP IT! I ***LOVE*** SPOOKY STUFF!
Sigh...
bomf!
Onigashima Tatsumi
Son of a gangster
世界 WORLD

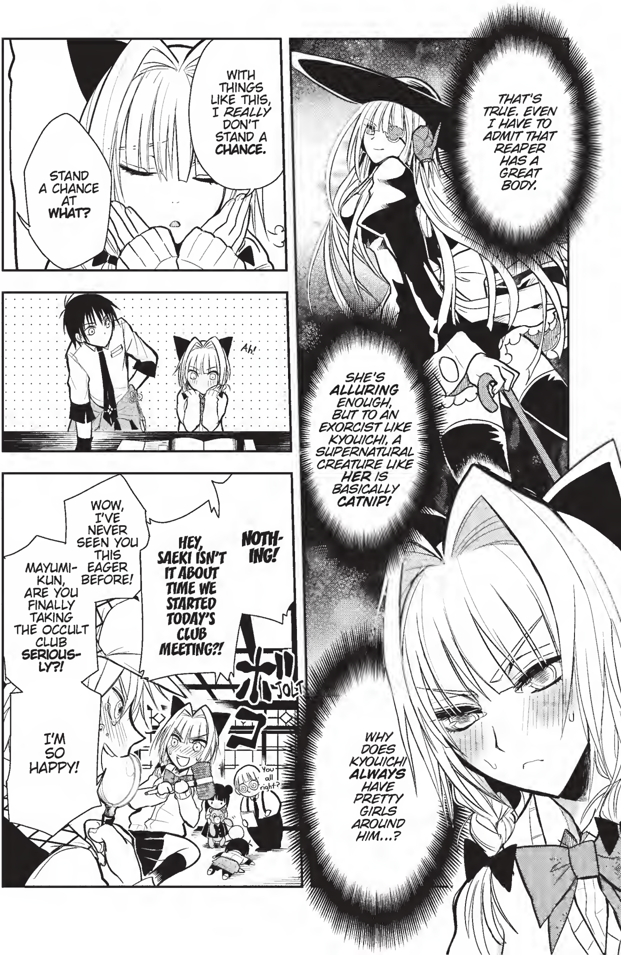

ばん
WHAM
WOULD YOU JUST SHUT UP?!
I CAN'T FOCUS ON HOMEWORK WITH YOU MAKING SO MUCH NOISE!
OH DEAR! PLEASE CALM DOWN, MAYUMI-CHAN.
wave
wave
Kaguyadou Mayumi
Daughter of a makeup mogul
Suzukago Kukuri
Daughter of a toy maker
Aerosmith
Teddy Bear
TATSUMI, INSTEAD OF LISTENING TO THIS GARBAGE...
YOU SHOULD BE DOING YOUR HOMEWORK.
I KNOW, I KNOW...
YOU'RE ALL SO MEAN!
YOU HAVE HOMEWORK TOO, SAEKI-KUN, YES-SIREE!
CUT TIES, HUH?

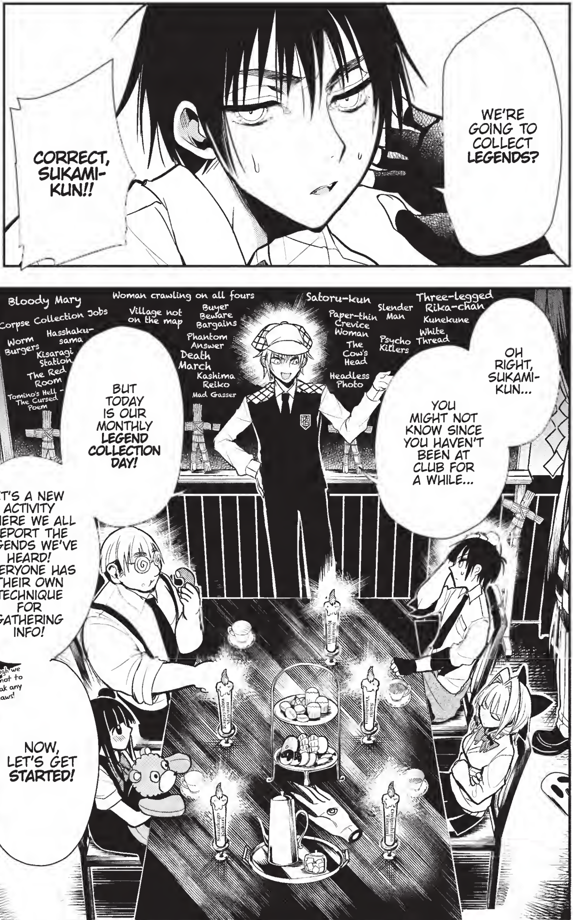

JUDGING BY APPEARANCES, THEY DON'T HAVE ANY **POWERS.**
POWERLESS HUMANS WILL, EVENTUALLY, BECOME A **BURDEN** TO YOU.
DOESN'T *TOI* THINK THAT TEAMING UP WITH *MOI* ALONE...
WOULD ALLOW US TO COMPLETE THE GHOST DIARY **MORE *EFFICIENTLY?***
THEY *AREN'T* POWER-LESS HUMANS.
THEY LOOKED AFTER ME...
WHEN HANAICHI-NEESAN VANISHED.
EVEN NOW, THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR HER WITH ME.
THEY'RE MY *CLOSEST FRIENDS.*

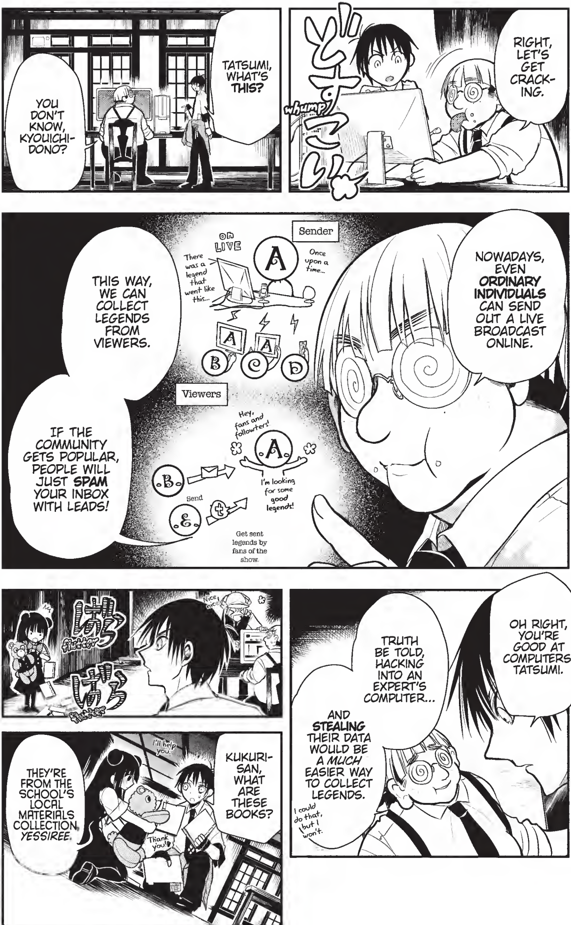

OH HO HO! SO *TOI* WON'T HONOR A REQUEST FROM *TOI'S* FRIEND, ***MOI?***
LISTEN, SUKAMI KYOUICHI...
MOI WANTS *TOI* TO COMPLETE THE GHOST DIARY QUICKLY AND RETURN *MOI'S* MEMORY.
DOESN'T ***TOI*** WANT TO GET CLUES ABOUT **HANAICHI** AS SOON AS POSSIBLE?
IF SO, THAT'S **ALL** THE MORE REASON *TOI* SHOULD CUT TIES.
OTHERWISE...
shff
THEY WILL JUST DRAG US DOWN.
AND LEAD *TOI* TO **HADES** ONE DAY.

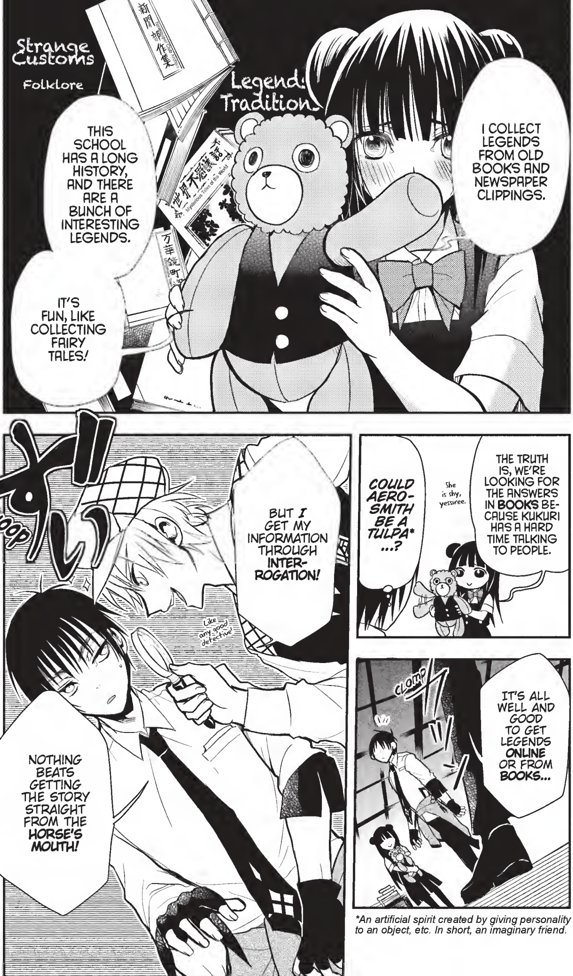

キラ
glint
Heh.
WHAT'S THAT FOR, YUU-SHIROU?
SUKAMI-KUN, I SAW YOU.
デーン
DUHN-DUHN-DUUUHN!
THE OTHER DAY, YOU WERE...
WALKING INTO YOUR HOUSE WITH A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN!
I took it with a single-lens reflex camera, but it's still blurry! Too bad!!
ばん
bam
NOW, TELL ME!
WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS WOMAN?!
And while you're at it, give me her name and number too!
UH, YOU SEE...
I brought a pork cutlet bowl.
plonk
CHLOE IS OUR NEW HOUSEKEEPER...
So she's called Chloe-san...
The heck?!
YOU LIVE WITH THAT REAPER?!
ぎゅむ
Bop!
SHH!


PSST
MA-YUMI...
DON'T TELL THE OTHERS THAT CHLOE'S A **REAPER!**
PSST
WHY **NOT?**
IT'LL BE AWKWARD IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT THE TIME CHLOE **KILLED THEM,** OKAY?
SO, LET'S KEEP IT A **SECRET** BETWEEN THE **TWO OF US.**
Can I eat my lunch?
Sure!
A SECRET BETWEEN THE TWO OF US!
ding ding ding! ♪
WELL, IF IT'S **THAT** IMPORTANT TO YOU, I *GUESS* I CAN KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT. ♪
YOU'RE BEING **SUSPICIOUSLY** HELPFUL...
YOU'RE LUCKY, SUKAMI-KUN, GETTING TO LIVE UNDER THE SAME ROOF AS SUCH A **BEAUTY!**
AREN'T YOU JEALOUS OF HIM, TOO, ONIGASHIMA-KUN?
Nah. It's just annoying.
WELL, SURE, I GUESS I'M A *LITTLE* JEALOUS.
A BEAUTY...
Ow!
biff
Miss Donut

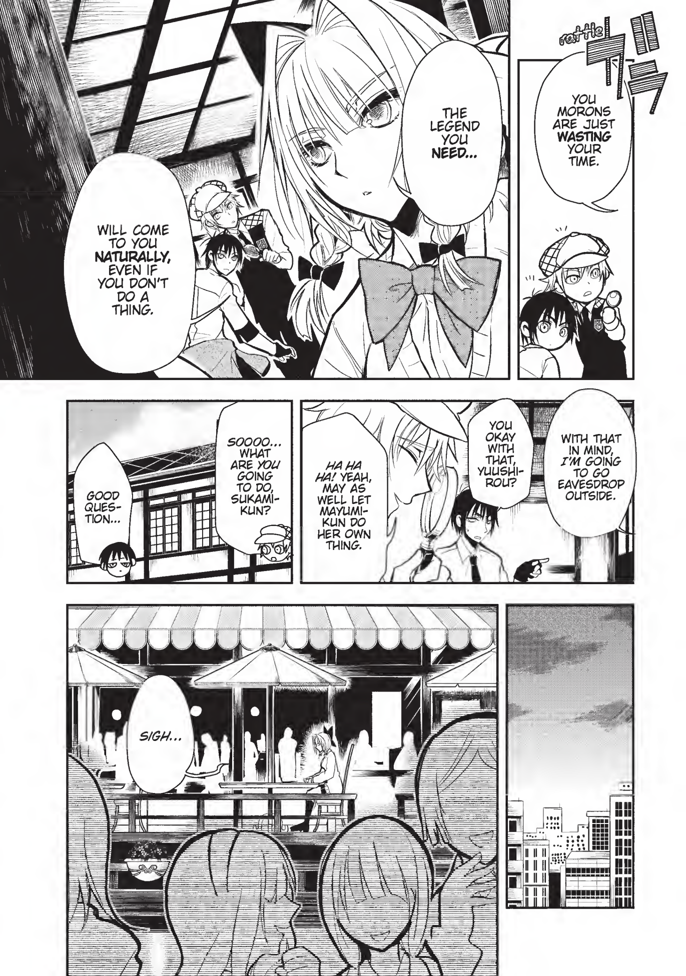

THAT'S TRUE. EVEN I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT REAPER HAS A GREAT BODY.
SHE'S **ALLURING** ENOUGH, BUT TO AN EXORCIST LIKE KYOUICHI, A SUPERNATURAL CREATURE LIKE **HER** IS BASICALLY **CATNIP!**
WHY DOES KYOUICHI **ALWAYS** HAVE PRETTY GIRLS AROUND HIM...?
WITH THINGS LIKE THIS, I *REALLY* DON'T STAND A **CHANCE.**
STAND A CHANCE AT **WHAT?**
Ah!
NOTHING!
HEY, SAEKI ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME WE STARTED TODAY'S CLUB MEETING?!
JOLT
WOW, I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU THIS EAGER BEFORE!
MAYUMI-KUN, ARE YOU FINALLY TAKING THE OCCULT CLUB **SERIOUSLY?!**
I'M SO HAPPY!
You all right?

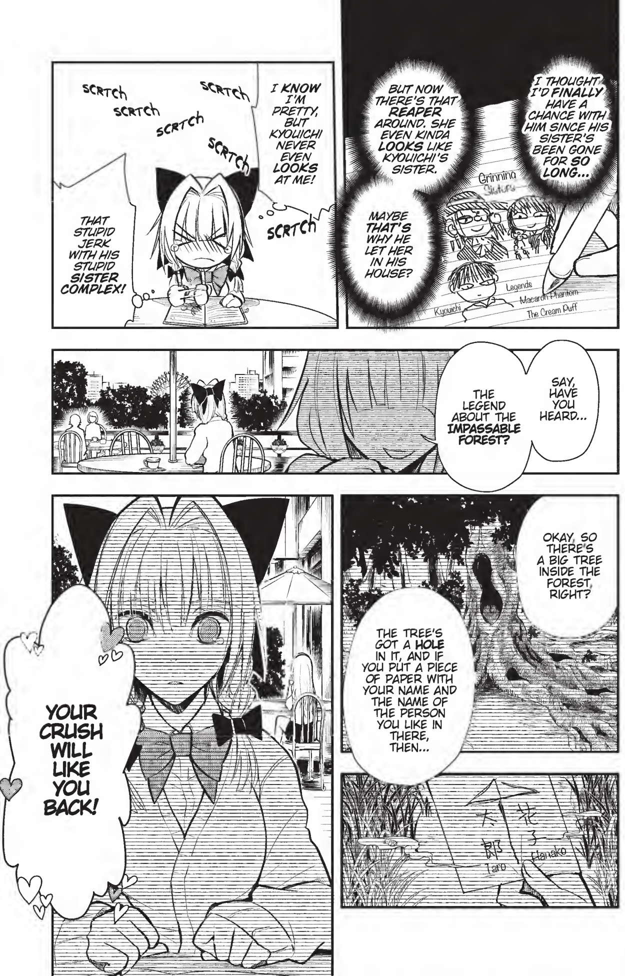

WE'RE GOING TO COLLECT LEGENDS?
CORRECT, SUKAMI-KUN!!
Three-legged Rika-chan
Kunekune
White Thread
Slender Man
Psycho Killers
Satoru-kun
Paper-thin Crevice Woman
The Cow's Head
Headless Photo
Woman crawling on all fours
Buyer Beware Bargains
Village not on the map
Phantom Answer
Death March
Kashima Reiko
Mad Gasser
Bloody Mary
Corpse Collection Jobs
Hasshaku-sama
Worm Burgers
Kisaragi Station
The Red Room
Tomino's Hell – The Cursed Poem
Seal
OH RIGHT, SUKAMI-KUN...
YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW SINCE YOU HAVEN'T BEEN AT CLUB FOR A WHILE...
BUT TODAY IS OUR MONTHLY LEGEND COLLECTION DAY!
IT'S A NEW ACTIVITY WHERE WE ALL REPORT THE LEGENDS WE'VE HEARD! EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN TECHNIQUE FOR GATHERING INFO!
Though we try not to break any laws!
Sukami Kyouichi
Saeki Yuushirou
Kaguyadou Mayumi
Onigashima Tatsumi
Suzutkago Kukuri
NOW, LET'S GET STARTED!

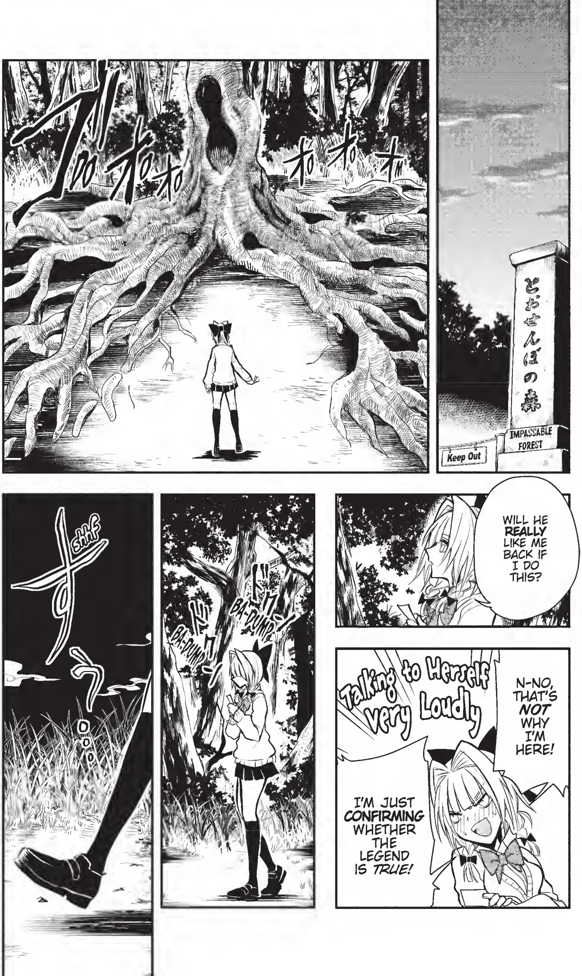

RIGHT, LET'S GET CRACKING.
whump
TATSUMI, WHAT'S THIS?
YOU DON'T KNOW, KYOUICHI-DONO?
NOWADAYS, EVEN ORDINARY INDIVIDUALS CAN SEND OUT A LIVE BROADCAST ONLINE.
Sender
On LIVE
Once upon a time...
There was a legend that went like this...
A
A A
B C D
Viewers
Hey, fans and followters!
I'm looking for some good legends!
B
Send
E
F
Get sent legends by fans of the show.
THIS WAY, WE CAN COLLECT LEGENDS FROM VIEWERS.
IF THE COMMUNITY GETS POPULAR, PEOPLE WILL JUST SPAM YOUR INBOX WITH LEADS!
OH RIGHT, YOU'RE GOOD AT COMPUTERS, TATSUMI.
TRUTH BE TOLD, HACKING INTO AN EXPERT'S COMPUTER...
AND STEALING THEIR DATA WOULD BE A MUCH EASIER WAY TO COLLECT LEGENDS.
I could do that, but I won't.
Nice, nice!
flutter
flutter
KUKURI-SAN, WHAT ARE THESE BOOKS?
I'll help you.
THEY'RE FROM THE SCHOOL'S LOCAL MATERIALS COLLECTION. YESSIREE.
Thank you!

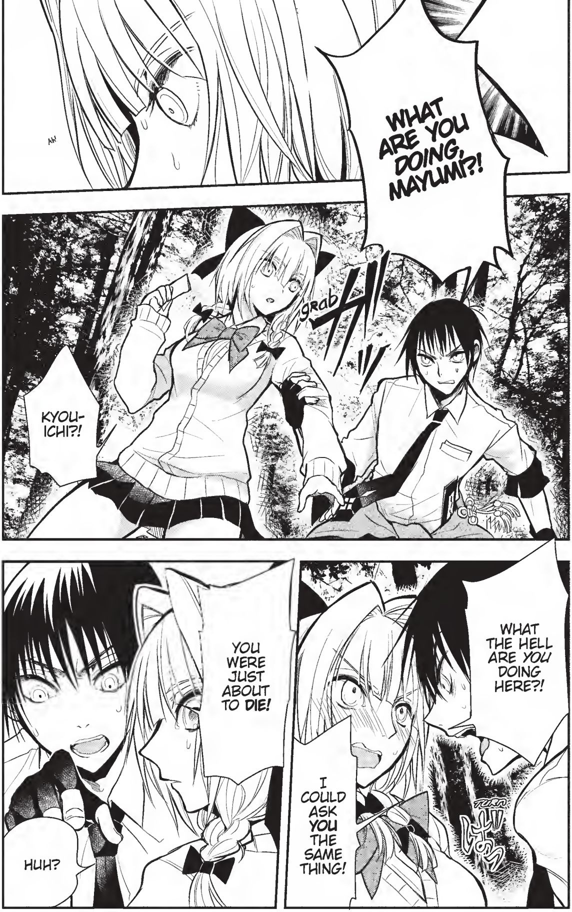

Strange Customs
Folklore
Legend: Tradition
新聞部作集
世界不思議話
Mysterious Tales of the World
万華鏡町
I COLLECT LEGENDS FROM OLD BOOKS AND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.
THIS SCHOOL HAS A LONG HISTORY, AND THERE ARE A BUNCH OF INTERESTING LEGENDS.
IT'S FUN, LIKE COLLECTING FAIRY TALES!
THE TRUTH IS, WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE ANSWERS IN BOOKS BECAUSE KUKURI HAS A HARD TIME TALKING TO PEOPLE.
She is shy, yessiree.
COULD AEROSMITH BE A TULPA* ...?
SWOOP
BUT I GET MY INFORMATION THROUGH INTERROGATION!
Like any good detective!
CLOMP
IT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD TO GET LEGENDS ONLINE OR FROM BOOKS...
NOTHING BEATS GETTING THE STORY STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH!

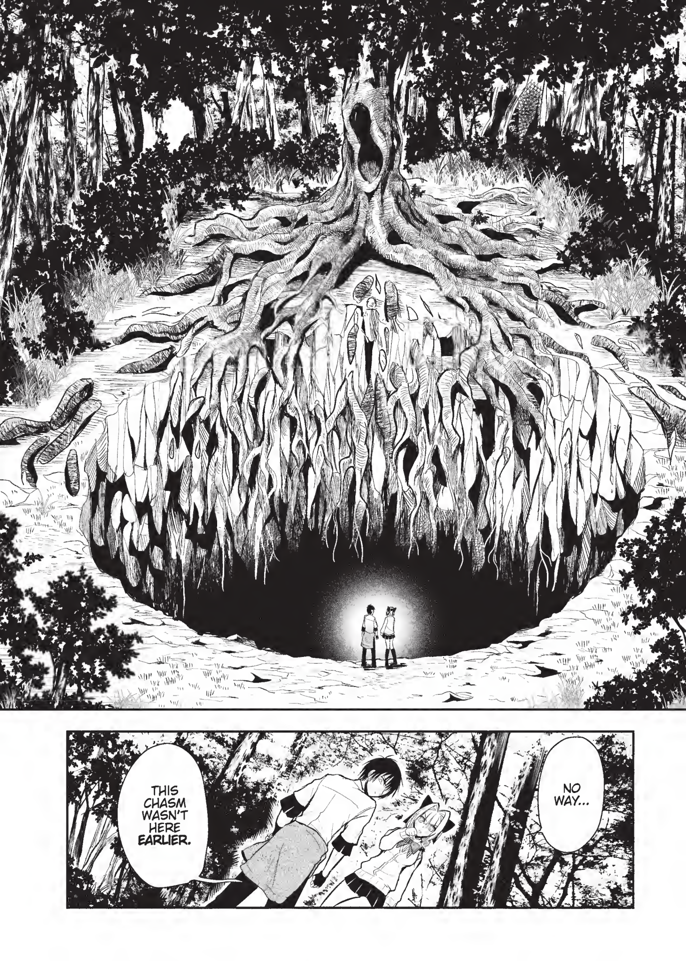
*An artificial spirit created by giving personality to an object, etc. In short, an imaginary friend.

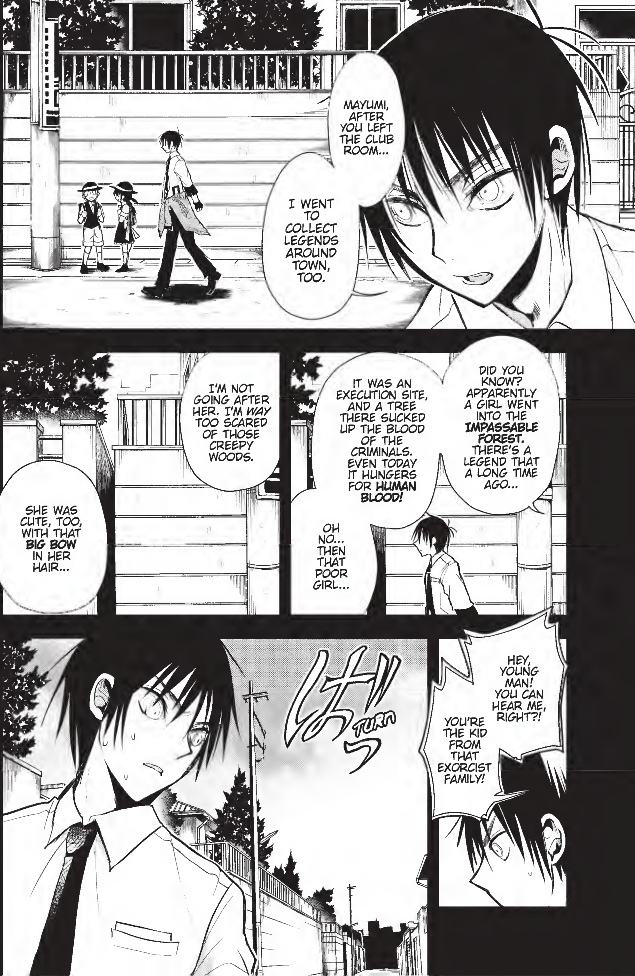

rattle
YOU MORONS ARE JUST **WASTING** YOUR TIME.
THE LEGEND YOU **NEED...**
WILL COME TO YOU **NATURALLY,** EVEN IF YOU DON'T DO A THING.
WITH THAT IN MIND, *I'M GOING* TO GO EAVESDROP OUTSIDE.
YOU OKAY WITH THAT, YUUSHIROU?
HA HA HA! YEAH, MAY AS WELL LET MAYUMI-KUN DO HER OWN THING.
SOOOO... WHAT ARE *YOU* GOING TO DO, SUKAMI-KUN?
GOOD QUESTION...
SIGH...

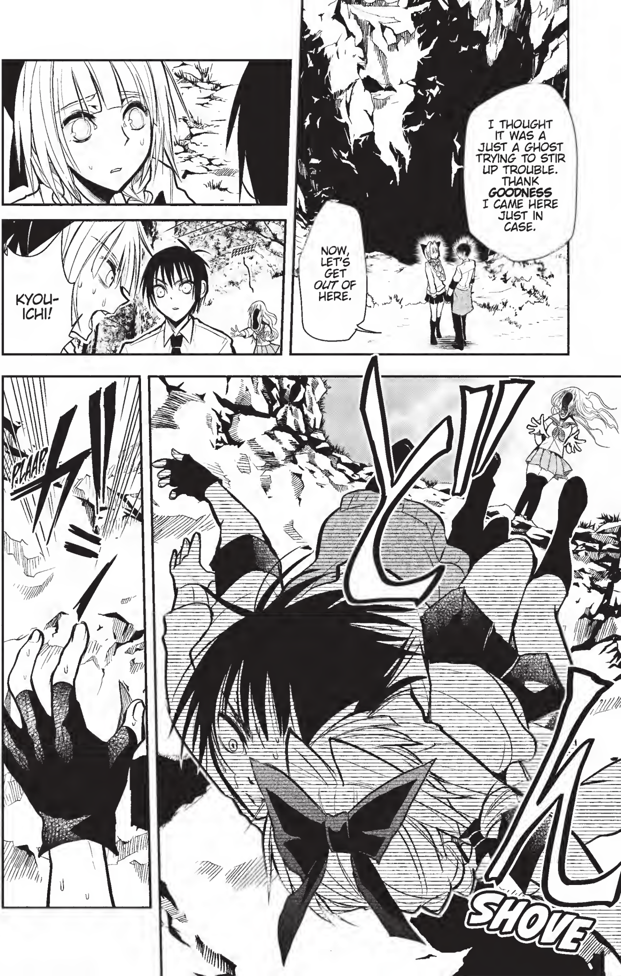

I THOUGHT I'D FINALLY HAVE A CHANCE WITH HIM SINCE HIS SISTER'S BEEN GONE FOR SO LONG...
BUT NOW THERE'S THAT REAPER AROUND. SHE EVEN KINDA LOOKS LIKE KYOUICHI'S SISTER.
MAYBE THAT'S WHY HE LET HER IN HIS HOUSE?
Grinning Sisters
Legends
Macaron Phantom
The Cream Puff
Kyouichi
I KNOW I'M PRETTY, BUT KYOUICHI NEVER EVEN LOOKS AT ME!
SCRTCH SCRTCH SCRTCH SCRTCH SCRTCH SCRTCH
THAT STUPID JERK WITH HIS STUPID SISTER COMPLEX!
SCRTCH
SAY, HAVE YOU HEARD...
THE LEGEND ABOUT THE IMPASSABLE FOREST?
OKAY, SO THERE'S A BIG TREE INSIDE THE FOREST, RIGHT?
THE TREE'S GOT A HOLE IN IT, AND IF YOU PUT A PIECE OF PAPER WITH YOUR NAME AND THE NAME OF THE PERSON YOU LIKE IN THERE, THEN...
花子 Hanako
太郎 Taro
YOUR CRUSH WILL LIKE YOU BACK!

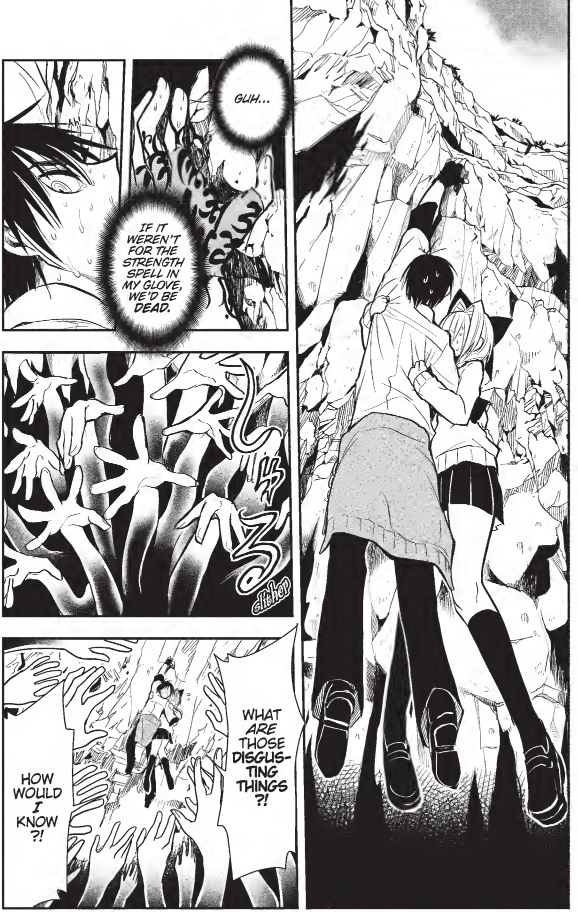

どおせんぼの森
IMPASSABLE FOREST
Keep Out
ゴオオオオオオ
DOOOOOM
WILL HE REALLY LIKE ME BACK IF I DO THIS?
Talking to Herself very Loudly
N-NO, THAT'S NOT WHY I'M HERE!
I'M JUST CONFIRMING WHETHER THE LEGEND IS TRUE!
ドクン！
BA-DUMP!
ドクン！
BA-DUMP!
すう…
shhf

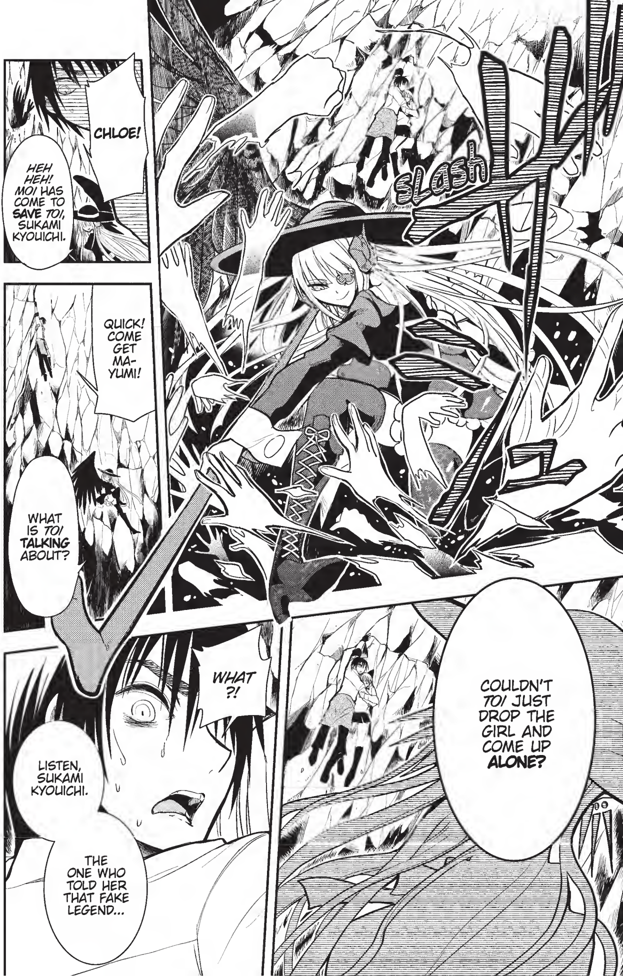

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MAYUMI?!
AH
grab
KYOU-ICHI?!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
I COULD ASK YOU THE SAME THING!
TURN
YOU WERE JUST ABOUT TO DIE!
HUH?

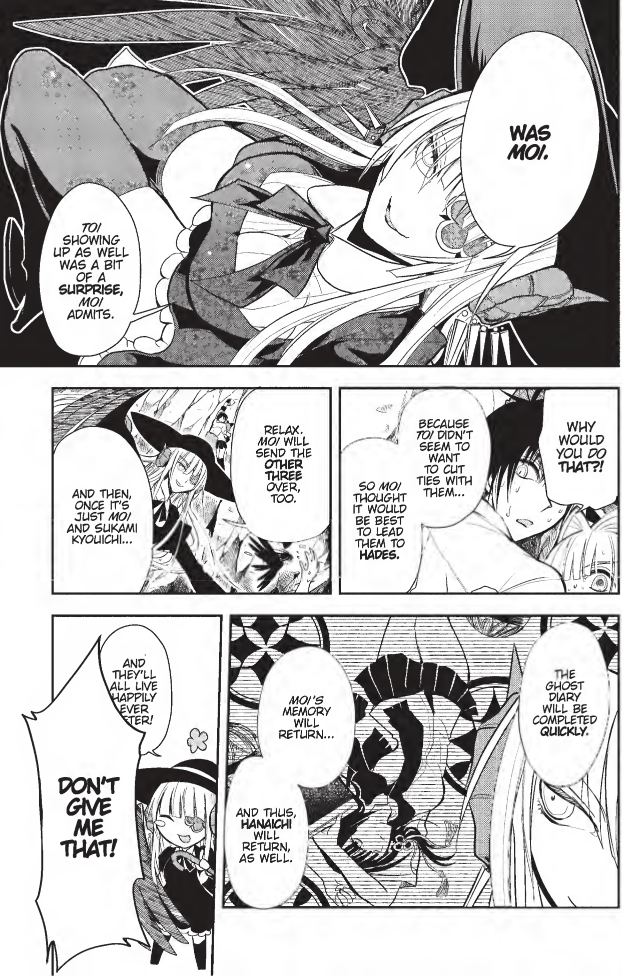

NO WAY...
THIS CHASM WASN'T HERE EARLIER.

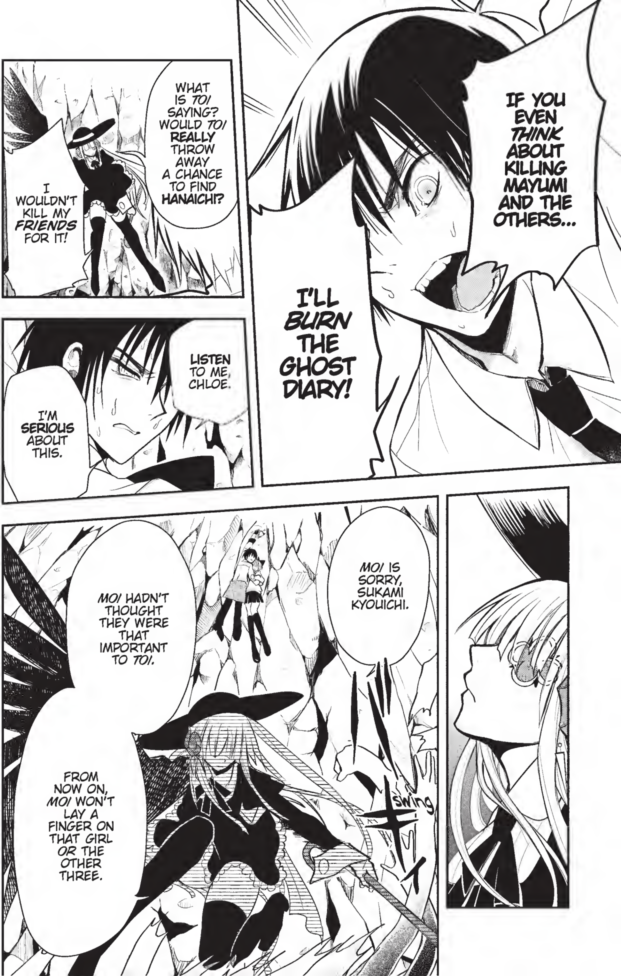

MAYUMI, AFTER YOU LEFT THE CLUB ROOM...
I WENT TO COLLECT LEGENDS AROUND TOWN, TOO.
DID YOU KNOW? APPARENTLY A GIRL WENT INTO THE IMPASSABLE FOREST. THERE'S A LEGEND THAT A LONG TIME AGO...
IT WAS AN EXECUTION SITE, AND A TREE THERE SUCKED UP THE BLOOD OF THE CRIMINALS. EVEN TODAY IT HUNGERS FOR HUMAN BLOOD!
OH NO... THEN THAT POOR GIRL...
I'M NOT GOING AFTER HER. I'M WAY TOO SCARED OF THOSE CREEPY WOODS.
SHE WAS CUTE, TOO, WITH THAT BIG BOW IN HER HAIR...
HEY, YOUNG MAN! YOU CAN HEAR ME, RIGHT?!
YOU'RE THE KID FROM THAT EXORCIST FAMILY!
はっ
TURN

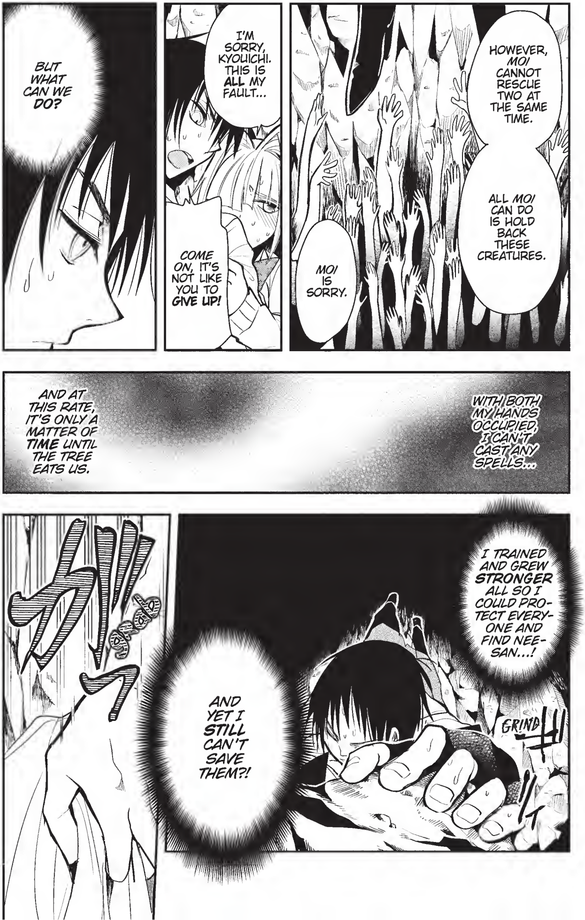

I THOUGHT IT WAS A JUST A GHOST TRYING TO STIR UP TROUBLE. THANK **GOODNESS** I CAME HERE JUST IN CASE.
NOW, LET'S GET *OUT* OF HERE.
EEEEEEE!
KYOU-ICHI!
SHOVE
PLAAP

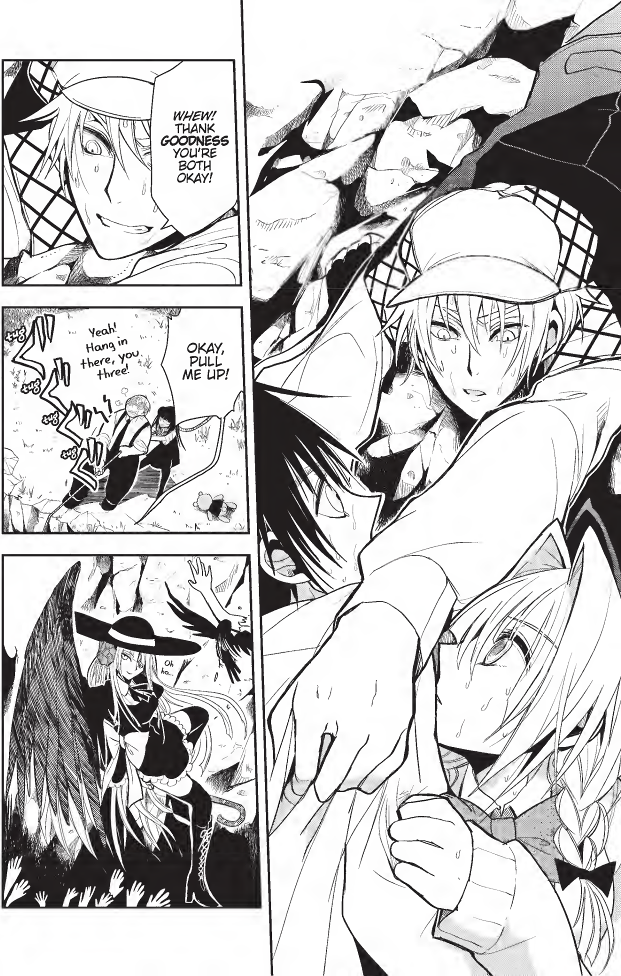

GUH...
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE STRENGTH SPELL IN MY GLOVE, WE'D BE DEAD.
slither
WHAT ARE THOSE DISGUSTING THINGS?!
HOW WOULD I KNOW?!

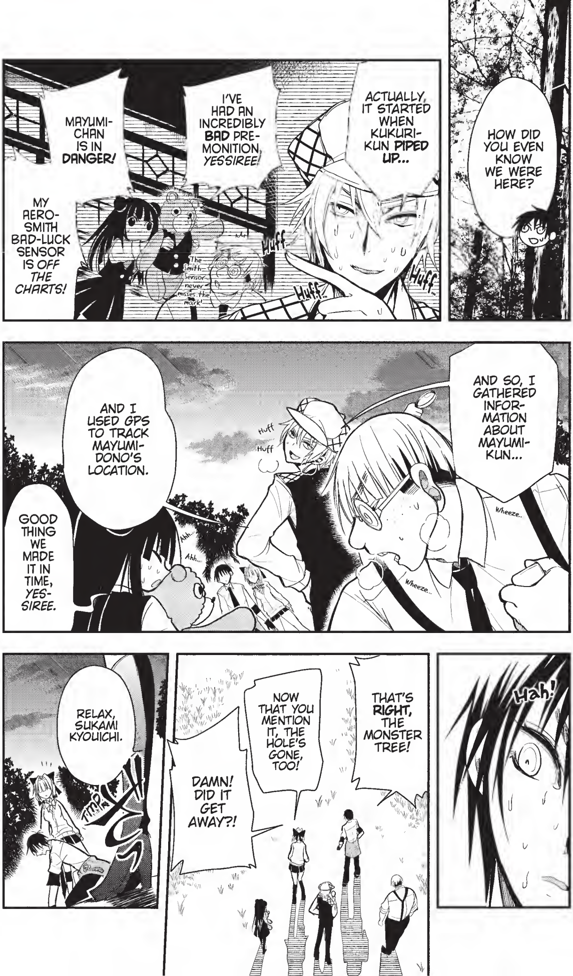

SLASH
CHLOE!
HEH HEH! *MOI* HAS COME TO **SAVE** *TOI*, SUKAMI KYOUICHI.
QUICK! COME GET MA-YUMI!
WHAT IS *TOI* **TALKING** ABOUT?
COULDN'T *TOI* JUST DROP THE GIRL AND COME UP **ALONE?**
WHAT?!
LISTEN, SUKAMI KYOUICHI.
THE ONE WHO TOLD HER THAT FAKE LEGEND...

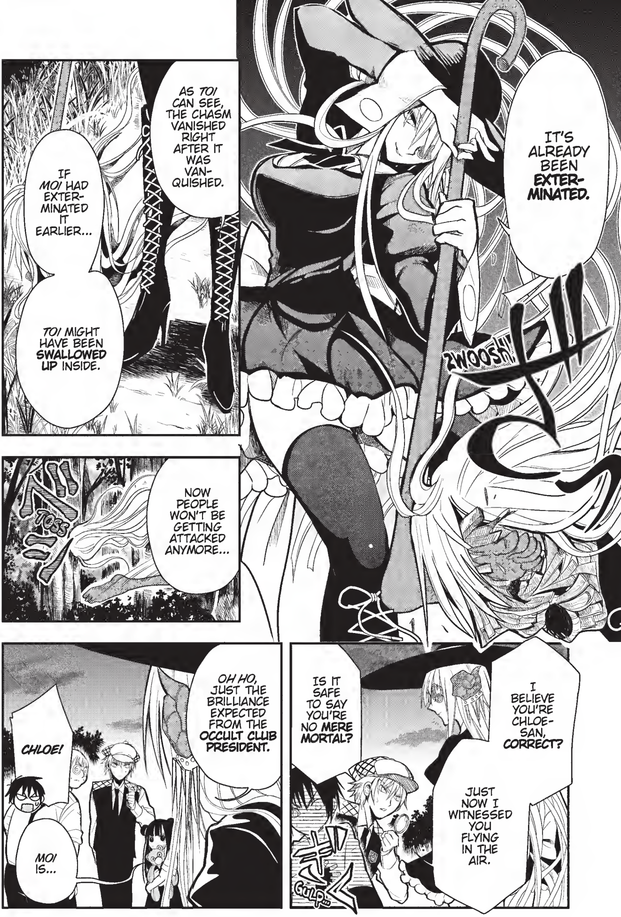

WAS MOI.
TOI SHOWING UP AS WELL WAS A BIT OF A SURPRISE, MOI ADMITS.
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?!
BECAUSE TOI DIDN'T SEEM TO WANT TO CUT TIES WITH THEM...
SO MOI THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO LEAD THEM TO HADES.
RELAX. MOI WILL SEND THE OTHER THREE OVER, TOO.
AND THEN, ONCE IT'S JUST MOI AND SUKAMI KYOUICHI...
THE GHOST DIARY WILL BE COMPLETED QUICKLY.
MOI'S MEMORY WILL RETURN...
AND THUS, HANAICHI WILL RETURN, AS WELL.
AND THEY'LL ALL LIVE HAPPILY EVER TER!
DON'T GIVE ME THAT!

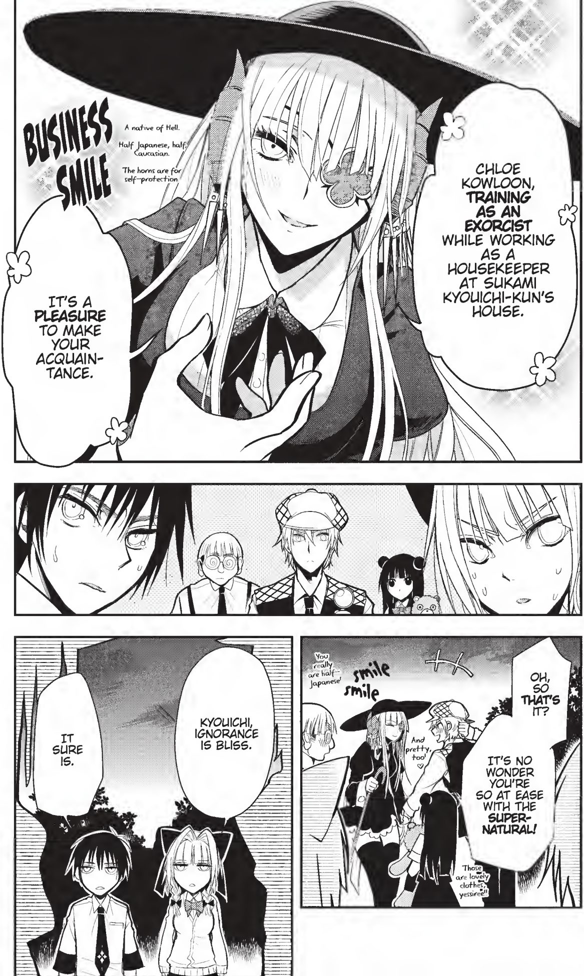

IF YOU EVEN *THINK* ABOUT KILLING MAYUMI AND THE OTHERS...
I'LL *BURN* THE GHOST DIARY!
WHAT IS *TOI* SAYING? WOULD *TOI* **REALLY** THROW AWAY A CHANCE TO FIND **HANAICHI?**
I WOULDN'T KILL MY ***FRIENDS*** FOR IT!
LISTEN TO ME, CHLOE.
I'M **SERIOUS** ABOUT THIS.
MOI IS SORRY, SUKAMI KYOUICHI.
MOI HADN'T THOUGHT THEY WERE THAT IMPORTANT TO *TOI*.
FROM NOW ON, *MOI* WON'T LAY A FINGER ON THAT GIRL OR THE OTHER THREE.
swing

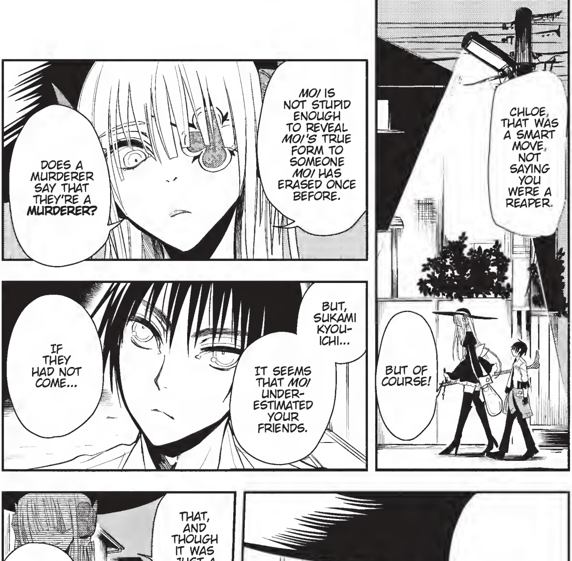

HOWEVER, MOI CANNOT RESCUE TWO AT THE SAME TIME.
ALL MOI CAN DO IS HOLD BACK THESE CREATURES.
MOI IS SORRY.
I'M SORRY, KYOUICHI. THIS IS **ALL** MY FAULT...
COME ON, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO **GIVE UP!**
BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?
WITH BOTH MY HANDS OCCUPIED, I CAN'T CAST ANY SPELLS...
AND AT THIS RATE, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF **TIME** UNTIL THE TREE EATS US.
I TRAINED AND GREW **STRONGER** ALL SO I COULD PROTECT EVERYONE AND FIND NEE-SAN...!
GRIND
AND YET I **STILL** CAN'T SAVE THEM?!
grab

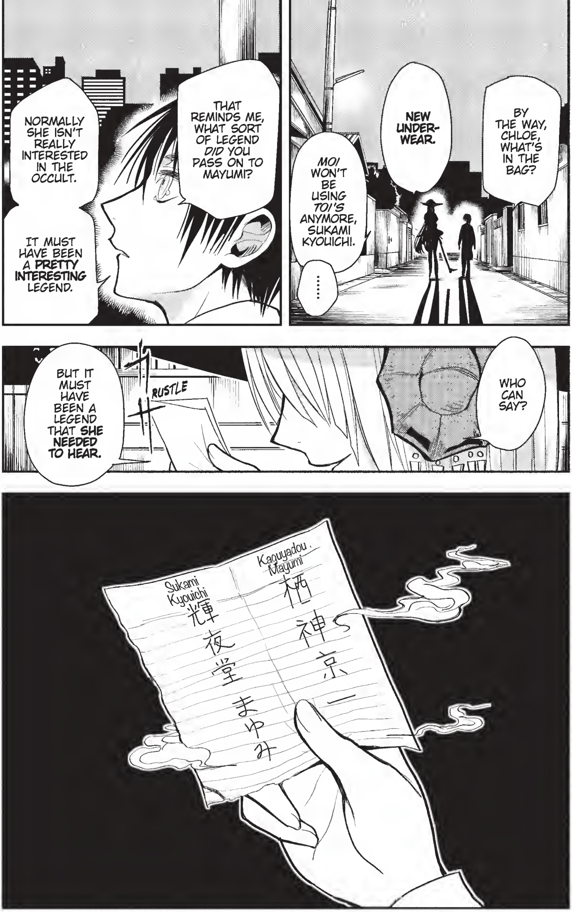

WHEW! THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE BOTH OKAY!
OKAY, PULL ME UP!
Yeah! Hang in there, you three!
tug
tug
tug
tug
Oh ho...

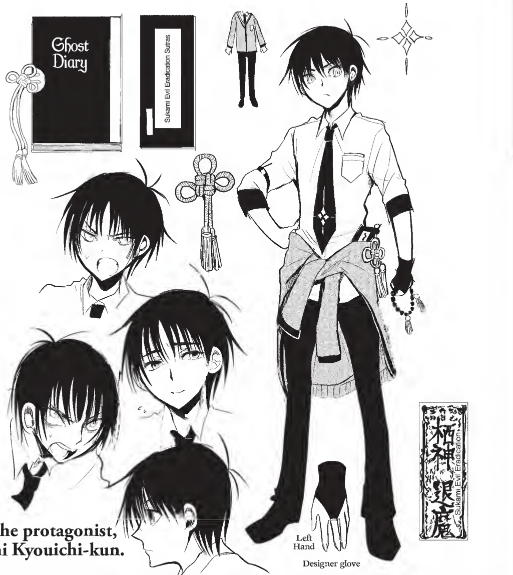

HOW DID YOU EVEN KNOW WE WERE HERE?
ACTUALLY, IT STARTED WHEN KUKURI-KUN PIPED UP...
Huff..
Huff..
Huff..
I'VE HAD AN INCREDIBLY BAD PREMONITION, YESSIREE!
MAYUMI-CHAN IS IN DANGER!
MY AERO-SMITH BAD-LUCK SENSOR IS OFF THE CHARTS!
The Smith-Sensor never misses the mark!
AND SO, I GATHERED INFORMATION ABOUT MAYUMI-KUN...
Wheeze..
Wheeze..
Huff
Huff
AND I USED GPS TO TRACK MAYUMI-DONO'S LOCATION.
Ahh..
Ahh..
GOOD THING WE MADE IT IN TIME, YESSIREE.
Hah!
THAT'S RIGHT, THE MONSTER TREE!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THE HOLE'S GONE, TOO!
DAMN! DID IT GET AWAY?!
RELAX, SUKAMI KYOUICHI.


IT'S ALREADY BEEN EXTERMINATED.
ZWOOSH!
AS TOI CAN SEE, THE CHASM VANISHED RIGHT AFTER IT WAS VANQUISHED.
IF MOI HAD EXTERMINATED IT EARLIER...
TOI MIGHT HAVE BEEN SWALLOWED UP INSIDE.
NOW PEOPLE WON'T BE GETTING ATTACKED ANYMORE...
TOSS
I BELIEVE YOU'RE CHLOE-SAN, CORRECT?
IS IT SAFE TO SAY YOU'RE NO MERE MORTAL?
JUST NOW I WITNESSED YOU FLYING IN THE AIR.
GULP...
OH HO, JUST THE BRILLIANCE EXPECTED FROM THE OCCULT CLUB PRESIDENT.
CHLOE!
MOI IS...


CHLOE KOWLOON, TRAINING AS AN EXORCIST WHILE WORKING AS A HOUSEKEEPER AT SUKAMI KYOUICHI-KUN'S HOUSE.
BUSINESS SMILE
A native of Hell.
Half Japanese, half Caucasian.
The horns are for self-protection
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.
OH, SO THAT'S IT?
IT'S NO WONDER YOU'RE SO AT EASE WITH THE SUPERNATURAL!
smile smile
You really are half-Japanese!
And pretty, too! ♡
Those are lovely clothes, yessiree!!
KYOUICHI, IGNORANCE IS BLISS.
IT SURE IS.


CHLOE, THAT WAS A SMART MOVE, NOT SAYING YOU WERE A REAPER.
BUT OF COURSE!
MOI IS NOT STUPID ENOUGH TO REVEAL *MOI'S* TRUE FORM TO SOMEONE *MOI* HAS ERASED ONCE BEFORE.
DOES A MURDERER SAY THAT THEY'RE A **MURDERER?**
BUT, SUKAMI KYOUICHI...
IT SEEMS THAT *MOI* UNDERESTIMATED YOUR FRIENDS.
IF THEY HAD NOT COME...
MOI MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE *TOI*.
THAT, AND THOUGH IT WAS JUST A LITTLE, TALKING TO THEM...
GAVE *MOI* **SOME** ENJOYMENT.
Heh heh heh.
MOI THOUGHT THEY WERE POWERLESS, BUT THEY SEEM LIKELY TO BE USEFUL FROM NOW ON.


BY THE WAY, CHLOE, WHAT'S IN THE BAG?
NEW UNDERWEAR.
MOI WON'T BE USING *TOI'S* ANYMORE, SUKAMI KYOUICHI.
......
THAT REMINDS ME, WHAT SORT OF LEGEND *DID* YOU PASS ON TO MAYUMI?
NORMALLY SHE ISN'T REALLY INTERESTED IN THE OCCULT.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A **PRETTY INTERESTING** LEGEND.
WHO CAN SAY?
RUSTLE
BUT IT MUST HAVE BEEN A LEGEND THAT **SHE NEEDED TO HEAR.**
Kaguyadou Mayumi
栖神京一
Sukami Kyouichi
輝夜堂まゆみ



First, the protagonist, Sukami Kyouichi-kun.

He is modeled after Nueno Meisuke from *Hell Teacher Nube.*

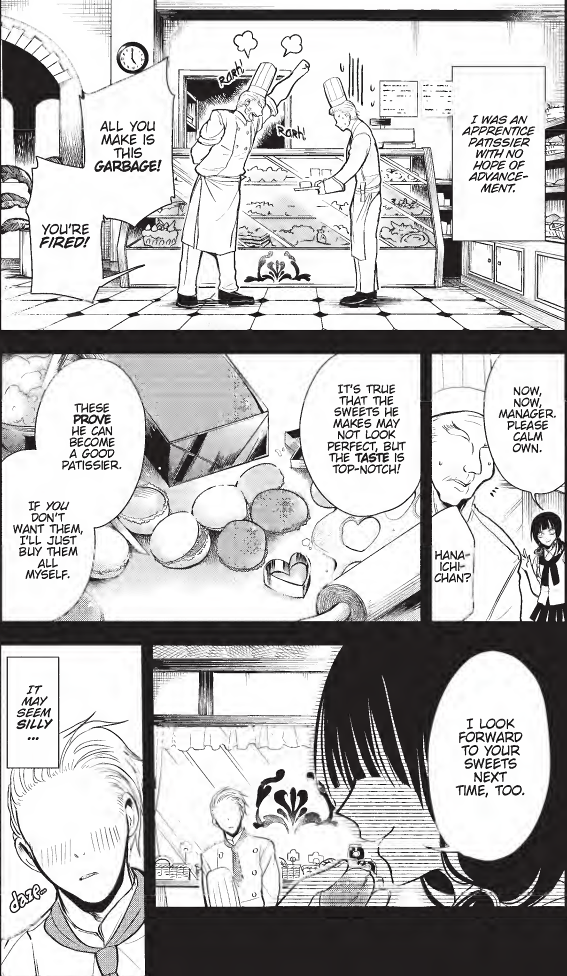
Nube is a shonen manga in which the character Nube exterminates yokai with his demon hand and protects students. Because it was my favorite work, and ran for a long time, I used it as a reference when preparing materials for my series.

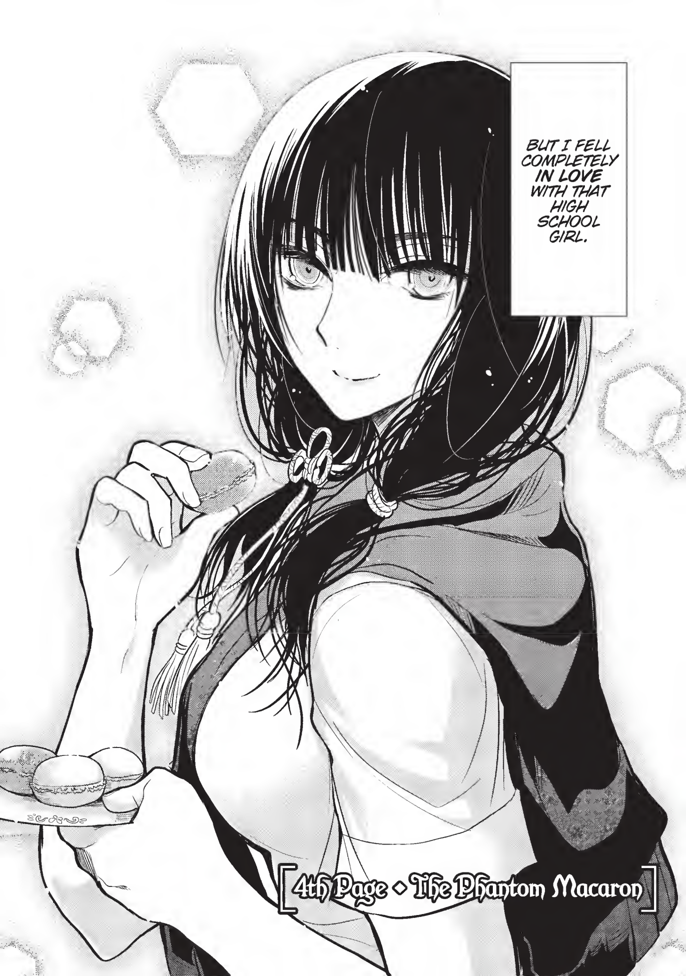
However, after *Ghost Diary* was set for serialization, *Hell Teacher Nube NEO* started up. This sort of thing does happen. I am still having fun reading it, of course.

Incidentally, the chapter that traumatized me was “Bukimi-chan.” Since I have no memorization ability, I’m scared of monsters that require memorization (such as Kashima Reiko-san, the legless woman who’ll tear off your legs if you don’t answer her questions the right way).

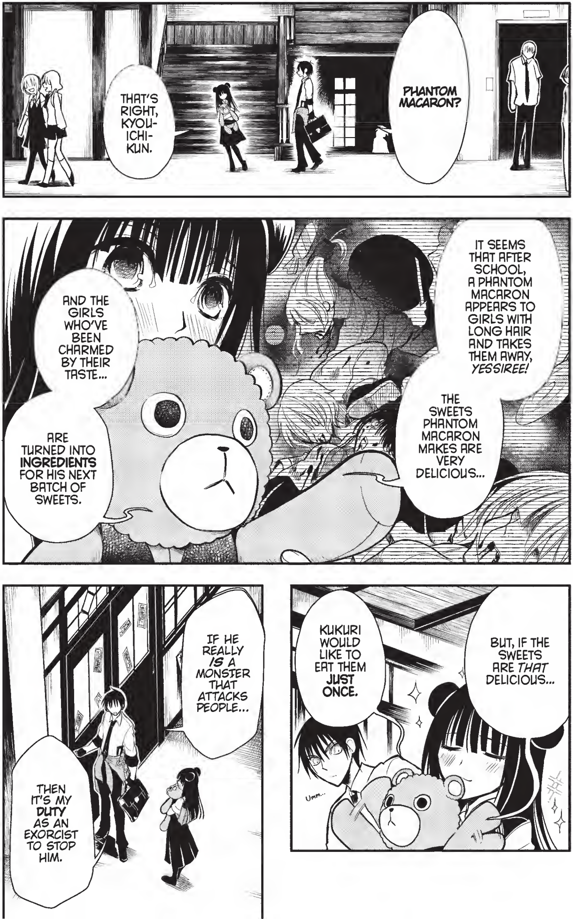
In the early stages, I anguished over whether Kyouichi-kun’s face should be scary, but after the fourth page I realized, “It’s fine if I draw him with a girly face!” so now I draw him with a girly face (lol).

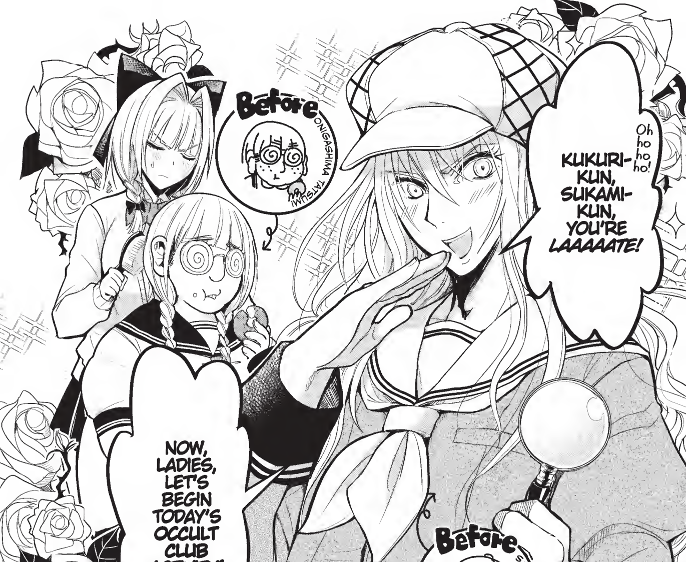
Today’s Theme: Sukami Kyouichi

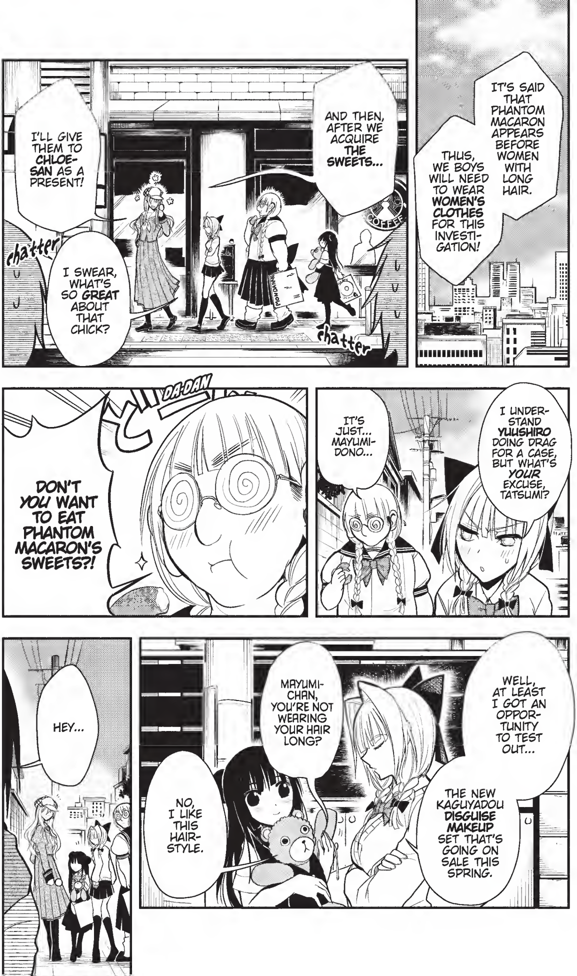

I WAS AN APPRENTICE PATISSIER WITH NO HOPE OF ADVANCEMENT.
Rarh!
Rarh!
ALL YOU MAKE IS THIS GARBAGE!
YOU'RE FIRED!
NOW, NOW, MANAGER. PLEASE CALM OWN.
HANA-ICHI-CHAN?
IT'S TRUE THAT THE SWEETS HE MAKES MAY NOT LOOK PERFECT, BUT THE TASTE IS TOP-NOTCH!
THESE PROVE HE CAN BECOME A GOOD PATISSIER.
IF YOU DON'T WANT THEM, I'LL JUST BUY THEM ALL MYSELF.
I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SWEETS NEXT TIME, TOO.
IT MAY SEEM SILLY...
daze...

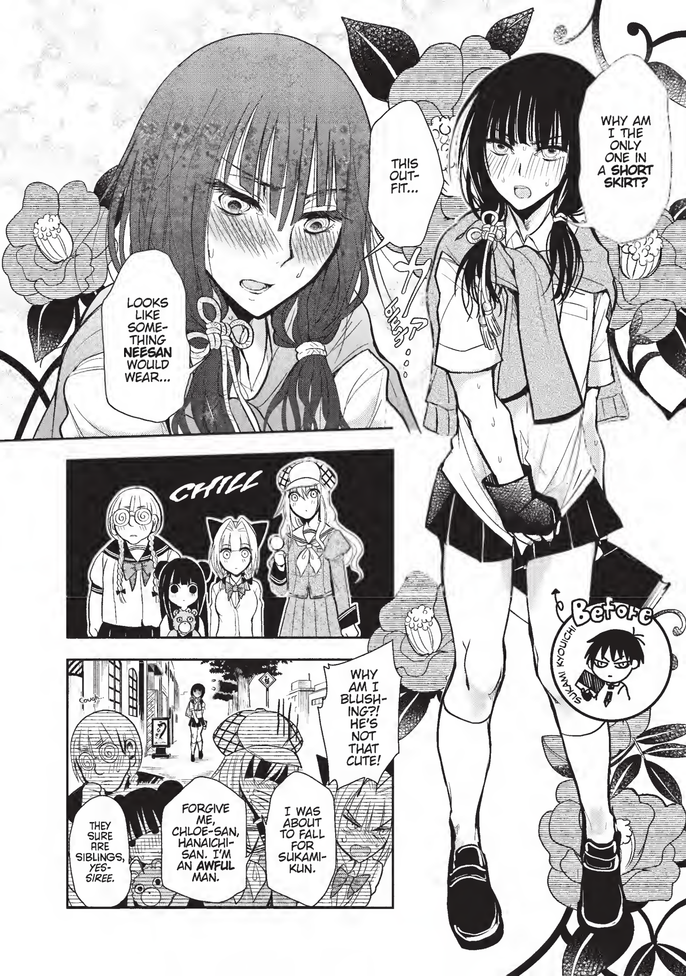

BUT I FELL COMPLETELY IN LOVE WITH THAT HIGH SCHOOL GIRL.

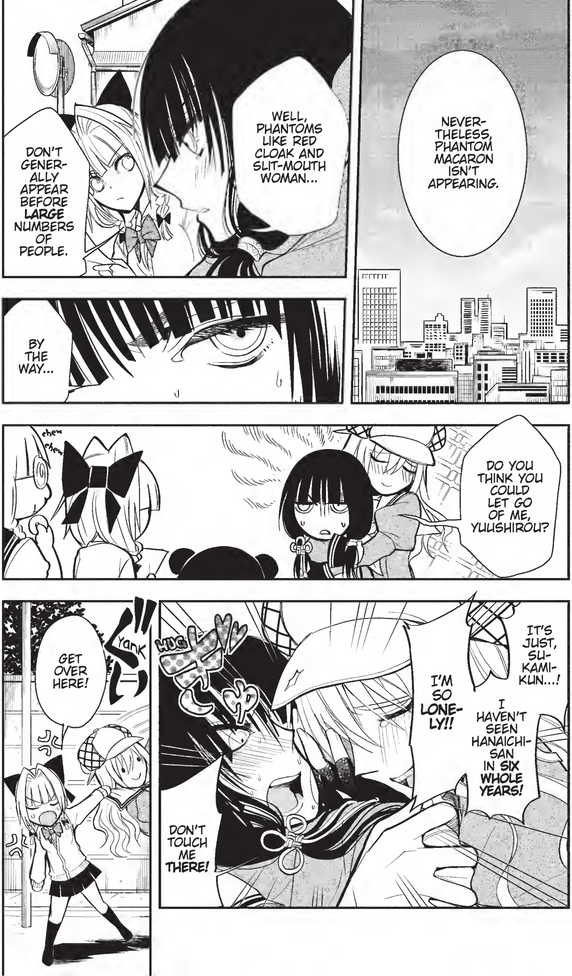
4th Page ◆ The Phantom Macaron

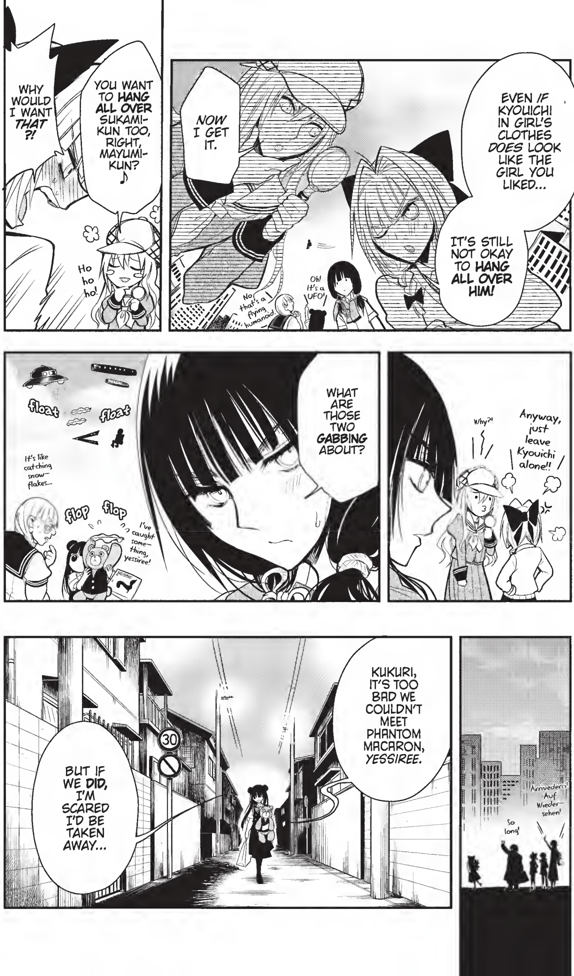

PHANTOM MACARON?
THAT'S RIGHT, KYOUICHI-KUN.
IT SEEMS THAT AFTER SCHOOL, A PHANTOM MACARON APPEARS TO GIRLS WITH LONG HAIR AND TAKES THEM AWAY, YESSIREE!
THE SWEETS PHANTOM MACARON MAKES ARE VERY DELICIOUS...
AND THE GIRLS WHO'VE BEEN CHARMED BY THEIR TASTE...
ARE TURNED INTO INGREDIENTS FOR HIS NEXT BATCH OF SWEETS.
BUT, IF THE SWEETS ARE THAT DELICIOUS...
KUKURI WOULD LIKE TO EAT THEM JUST ONCE.
Umm...
IF HE REALLY IS A MONSTER THAT ATTACKS PEOPLE...
THEN IT'S MY DUTY AS AN EXORCIST TO STOP HIM.


Oh ho ho ho!
KUKURI-KUN, SUKAMI-KUN, YOU'RE LAAAAATE!
Before ONIGASHIMA TATSUMI
NOW, LADIES, LET'S BEGIN TODAY'S OCCULT CLUB ACTIVITY!
Before SAEKI YUUSHIROU
ピシャ
SLAM
…
ガラ
sshnk
WHY'D YOU CLOSE THE DOOR, SUKAMI-KUN?!
UH, NO REAL REASON...


IT'S SAID THAT PHANTOM MACARON APPEARS BEFORE WOMEN WITH LONG HAIR.
THUS, WE BOYS WILL NEED TO WEAR WOMEN'S CLOTHES FOR THIS INVESTIGATION!
AND THEN, AFTER WE ACQUIRE THE SWEETS...
I'LL GIVE THEM TO CHLOE-SAN AS A PRESENT!
COFFEE
MONDAINE
chatter
I SWEAR, WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THAT CHICK?
chatter
I UNDERSTAND YUUSHIRO DOING DRAG FOR A CASE, BUT WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE, TATSUMI?
IT'S JUST... MAYUMI-DONO...
DA-DAN
DON'T YOU WANT TO EAT PHANTOM MACARON'S SWEETS?!
WELL, AT LEAST I GOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST OUT...
THE NEW KAGUYADOU DISGUISE MAKEUP SET THAT'S GOING ON SALE THIS SPRING.
MAYUMI-CHAN, YOU'RE NOT WEARING YOUR HAIR LONG?
NO, I LIKE THIS HAIRSTYLE.
HEY...


WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE IN A **SHORT SKIRT?**
THIS OUTFIT...
LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING **NEESAN** WOULD WEAR...
blush
CHILL
Before
SUKAMI KYOUICHI
WHY AM I BLUSHING?! HE'S NOT THAT CUTE!
I WAS ABOUT TO FALL FOR SUKAMI-KUN.
FORGIVE ME, CHLOE-SAN, HANAICHI-SAN. I'M AN **AWFUL** MAN.
THEY SURE ARE SIBLINGS, *YES-SIREE.*
cough...


NEVERTHELESS, PHANTOM MACARON ISN'T APPEARING.
WELL, PHANTOMS LIKE RED CLOAK AND SLIT-MOUTH WOMAN...
DON'T GENERALLY APPEAR BEFORE **LARGE** NUMBERS OF PEOPLE.
BY THE WAY...
chew chew
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD LET GO OF ME, YUUSHIROU?
IT'S JUST, SUKAMI-KUN...!
I HAVEN'T SEEN HANAICHI-SAN IN **SIX WHOLE YEARS!**
I'M SO **LONELY!!**
HUG
DON'T TOUCH ME **THERE!**
Yank
GET OVER HERE!


EVEN *IF* KYOUICHI IN GIRL'S CLOTHES *DOES* LOOK LIKE THE GIRL YOU LIKED...
IT'S STILL NOT OKAY TO **HANG ALL OVER HIM!**
NOW I GET IT.
Oh! It's a UFO!
No, that's a flying humanoid.
YOU WANT TO **HANG ALL OVER** SUKAMI-KUN TOO, RIGHT, MAYUMI-KUN? ♪
WHY WOULD I WANT *THAT* ?!
Ho ho ho!
Anyway, just leave Kyouichi alone!!
Why?!
WHAT ARE THOSE TWO **GABBING** ABOUT?
float
float
It's like catching snow-flakes...
flop
flop
I've caught some-thing, yessiree!
NESSIE
Arrivederci! Auf Wieder-sehen!
So long!
KUKURI, IT'S TOO BAD WE COULDN'T MEET PHANTOM MACARON, *YESSIREE.*
BUT IF WE **DID,** I'M SCARED I'D BE TAKEN AWAY...
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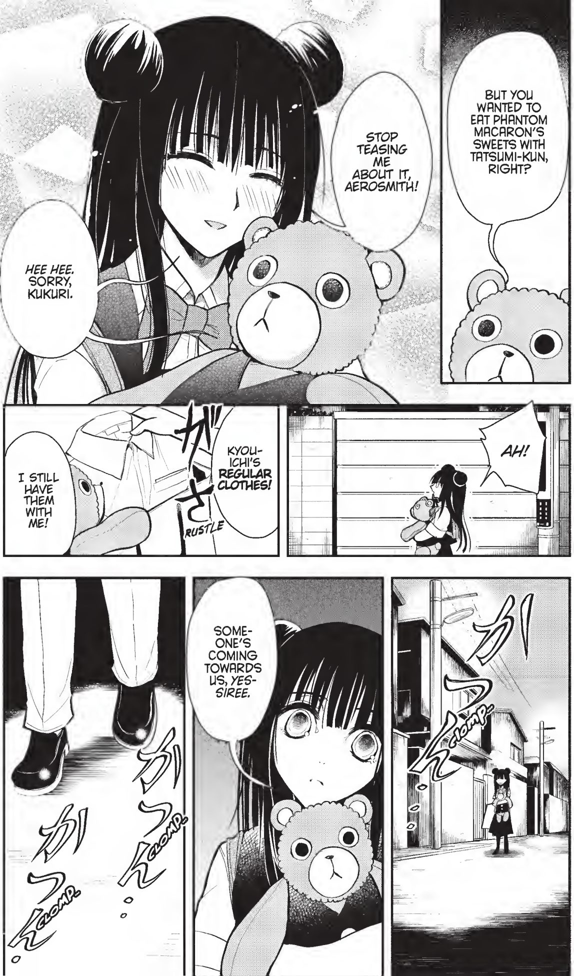
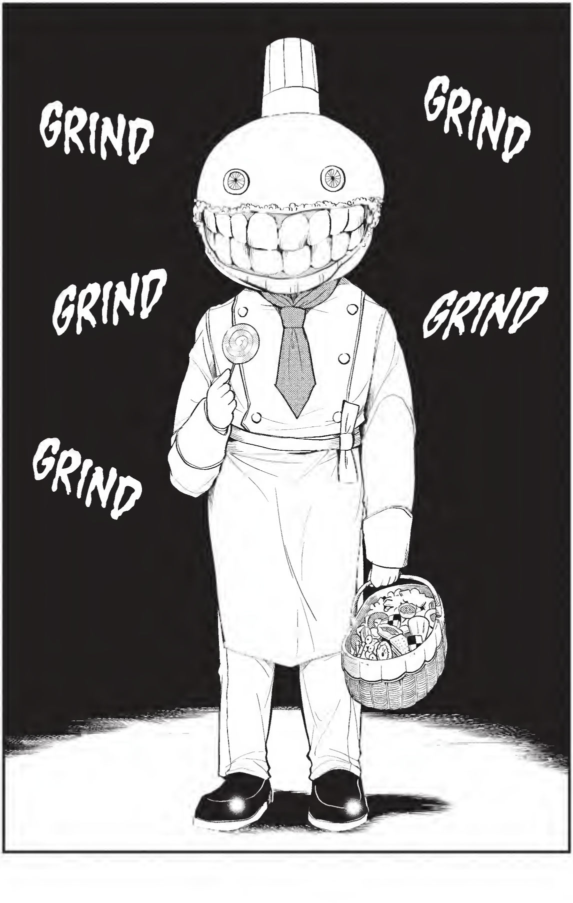

BUT YOU WANTED TO EAT PHANTOM MACARON'S SWEETS WITH TATSUMI-KUN, RIGHT?
STOP TEASING ME ABOUT IT, AEROSMITH!
HEE HEE. SORRY, KUKURI.
AH!
がさ
RUSTLE
KYOU-ICHI'S **REGULAR CLOTHES!**
I STILL HAVE THEM WITH ME!
カツん
CLOMP..
SOME-ONE'S COMING TOWARDS US, *YES-SIREE.*
カツん
CLOMP.
カツん
CLOMP.


GRIND
GRIND
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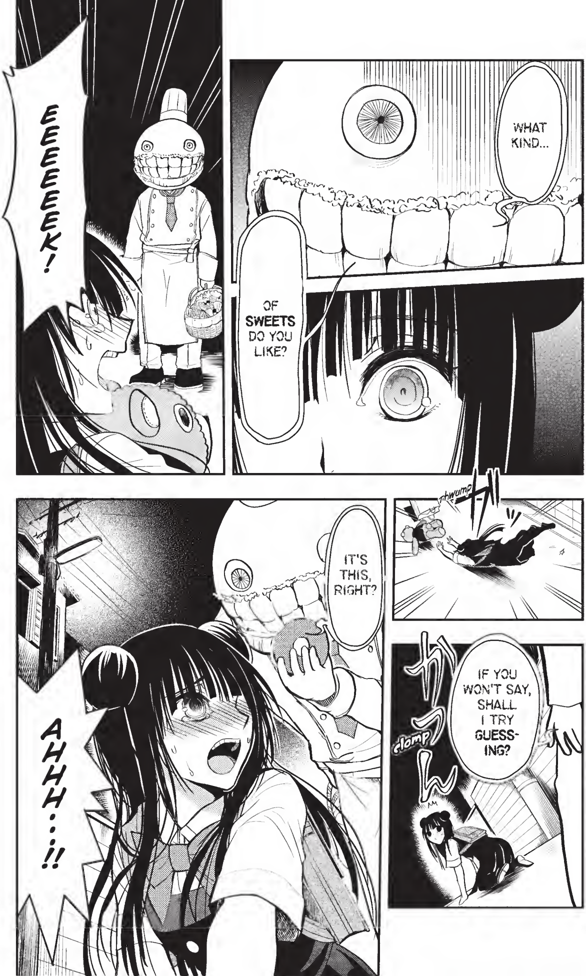
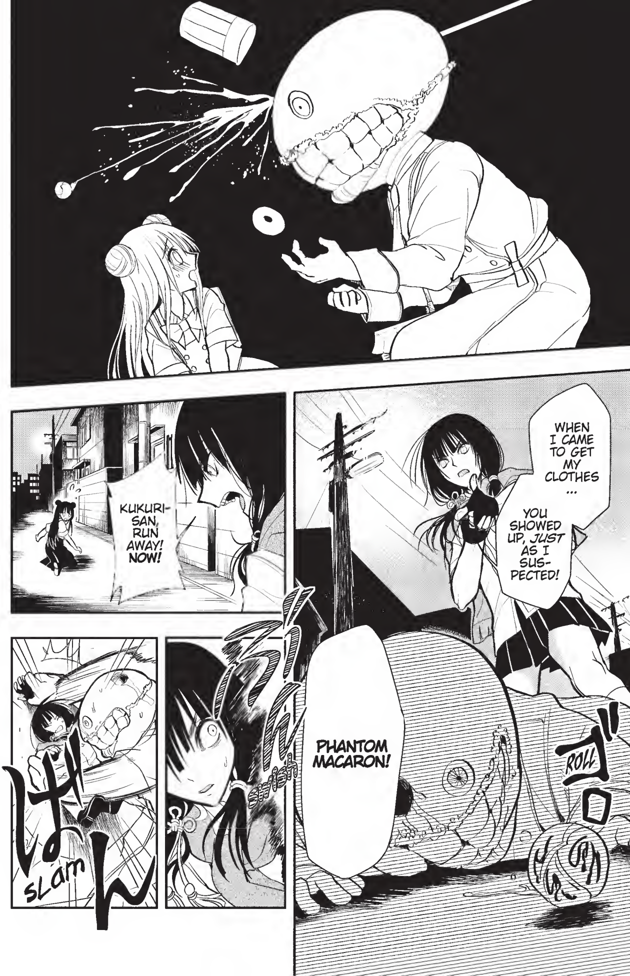
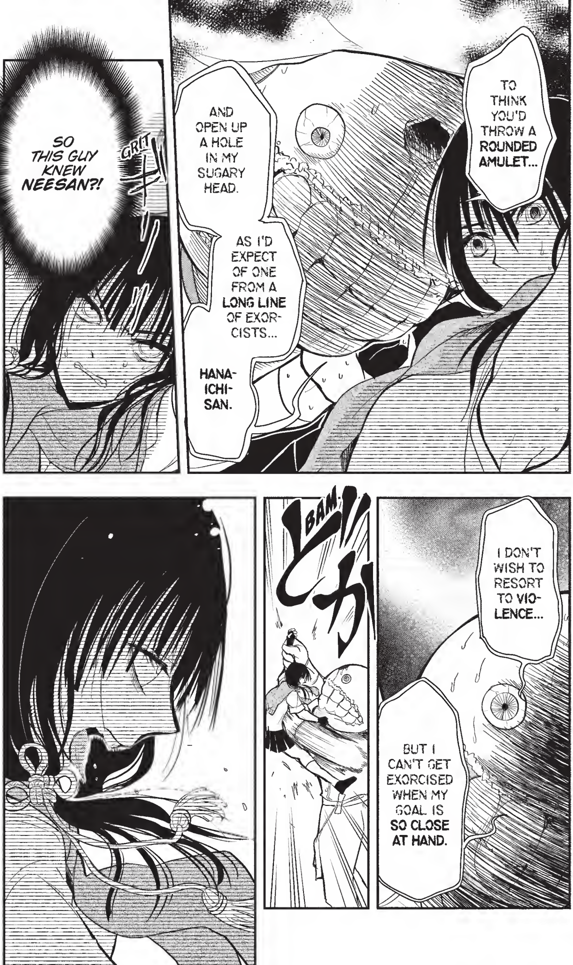
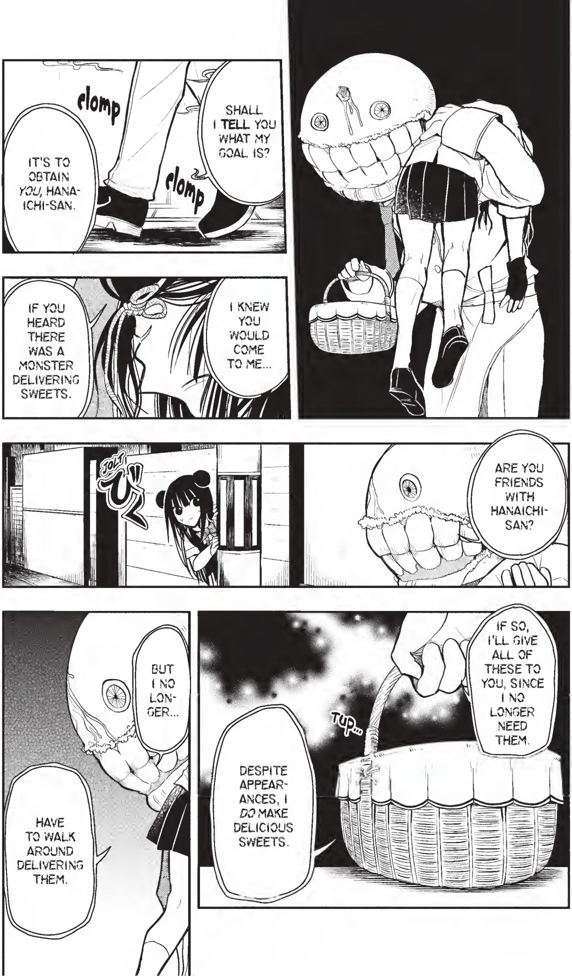
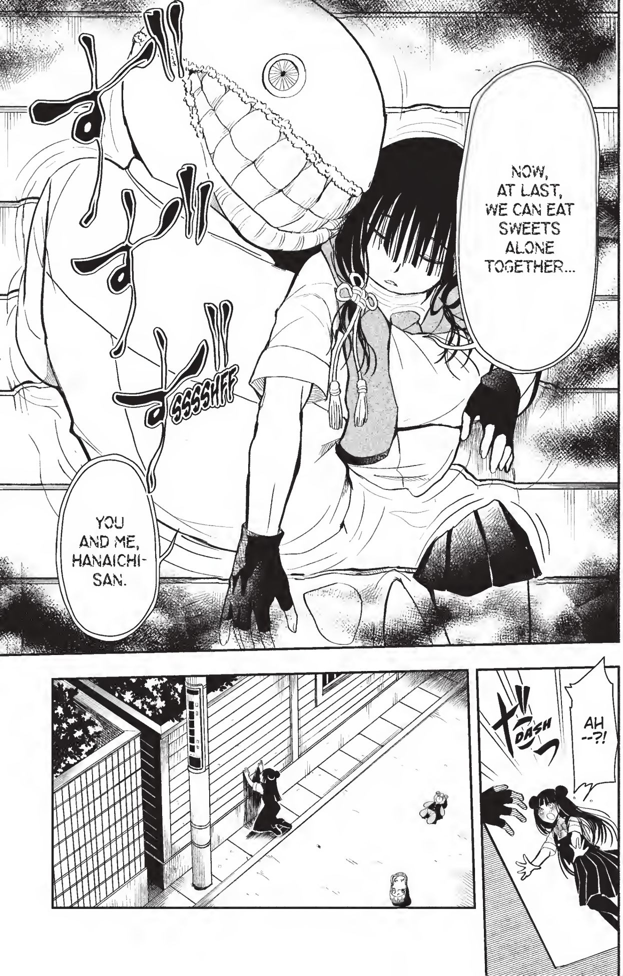
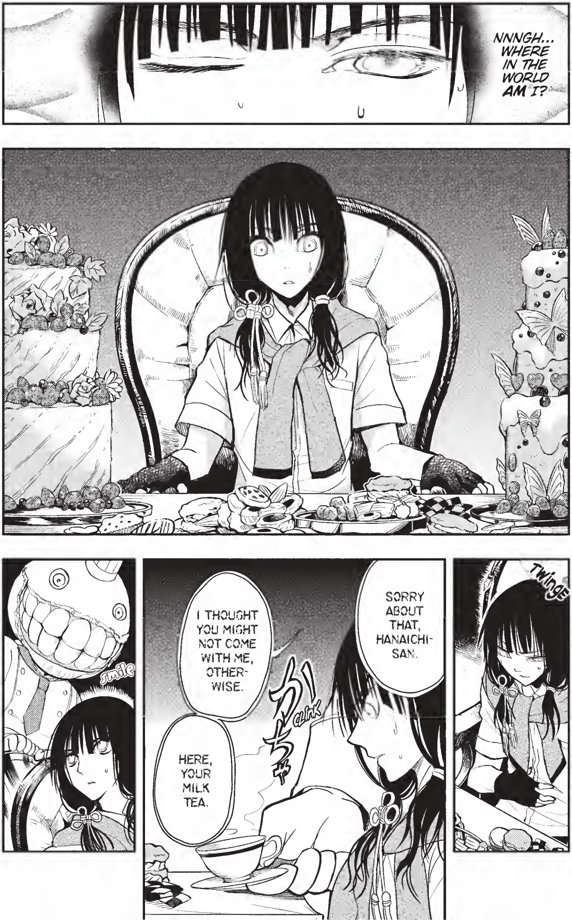

WHAT KIND...
OF SWEETS DO YOU LIKE?
EEEEEEK!
thwump
かつん
clomp
IF YOU WON'T SAY, SHALL I TRY GUESSING?
IT'S THIS, RIGHT?
AHHH...!!

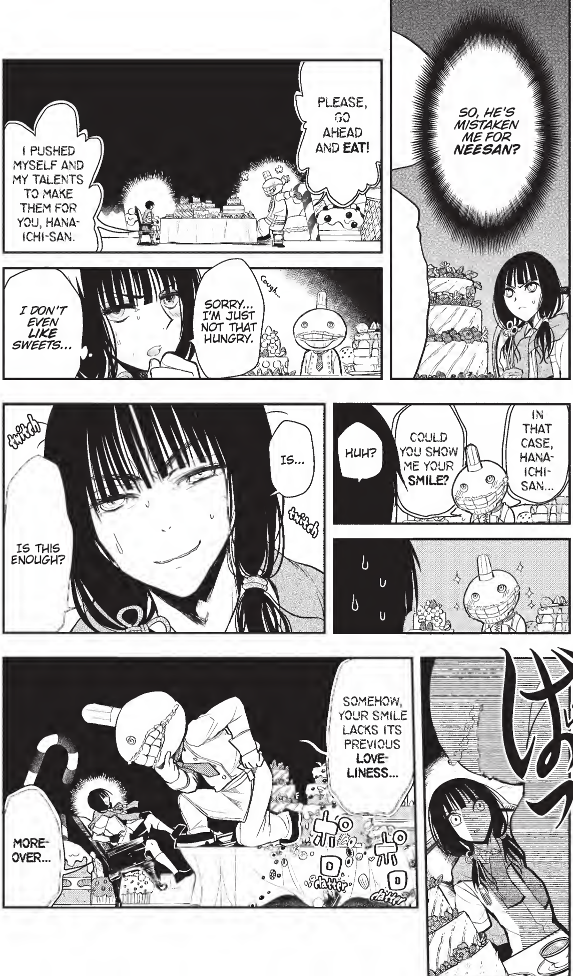

WHEN I CAME TO GET MY CLOTHES...
YOU SHOWED UP, *JUST* AS I SUSPECTED!
KUKURI-SAN, RUN AWAY! NOW!
PHANTOM MACARON!
ROLL
ゴロ
swish
SLAM

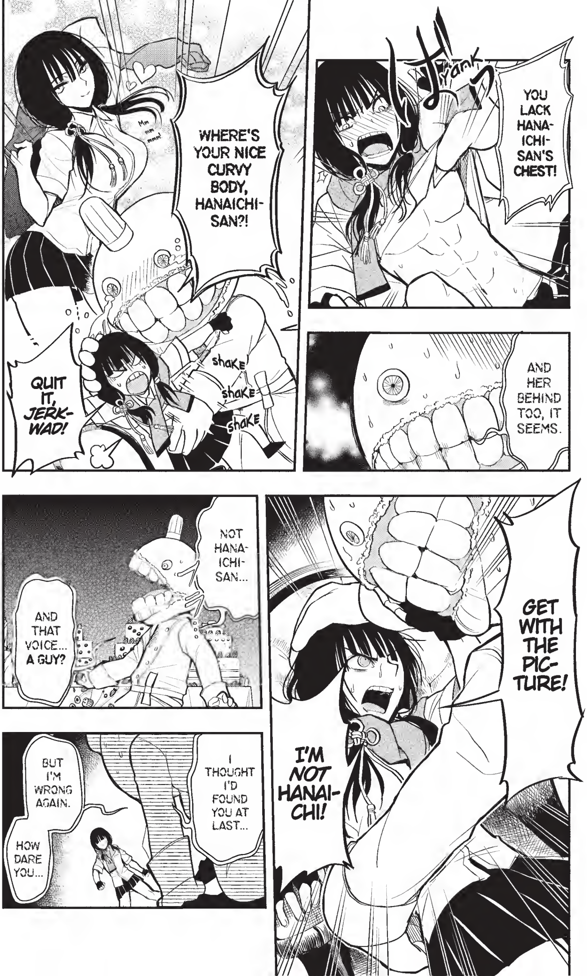

TO THINK YOU'D THROW A **ROUNDED AMULET...**
AND OPEN UP A HOLE IN MY SUGARY HEAD.
AS I'D EXPECT OF ONE FROM A **LONG LINE** OF EXORCISTS...
HANA-ICHI-SAN.
GRIT
*SO THIS GUY KNEW **NEESAN?!***
I DON'T WISH TO RESORT TO **VIOLENCE...**
BUT I CAN'T GET EXORCISED WHEN MY GOAL IS **SO CLOSE AT HAND.**
BAM
どか

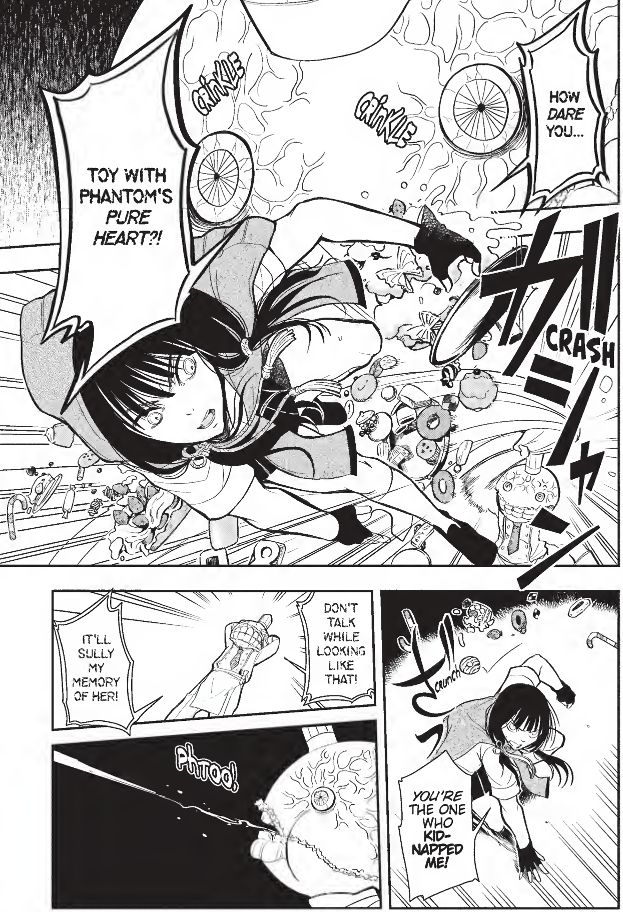

SHALL I TELL YOU WHAT MY GOAL IS?
clomp
clomp
IT'S TO OBTAIN YOU, HANA-ICHI-SAN.
I KNEW YOU WOULD COME TO ME...
IF YOU HEARD THERE WAS A MONSTER DELIVERING SWEETS.
ARE YOU FRIENDS WITH HANAICHI-SAN?
JOLT
びく
IF SO, I'LL GIVE ALL OF THESE TO YOU, SINCE I NO LONGER NEED THEM.
TUP...
DESPITE APPEARANCES, I DO MAKE DELICIOUS SWEETS.
BUT I NO LONGER...
HAVE TO WALK AROUND DELIVERING THEM.

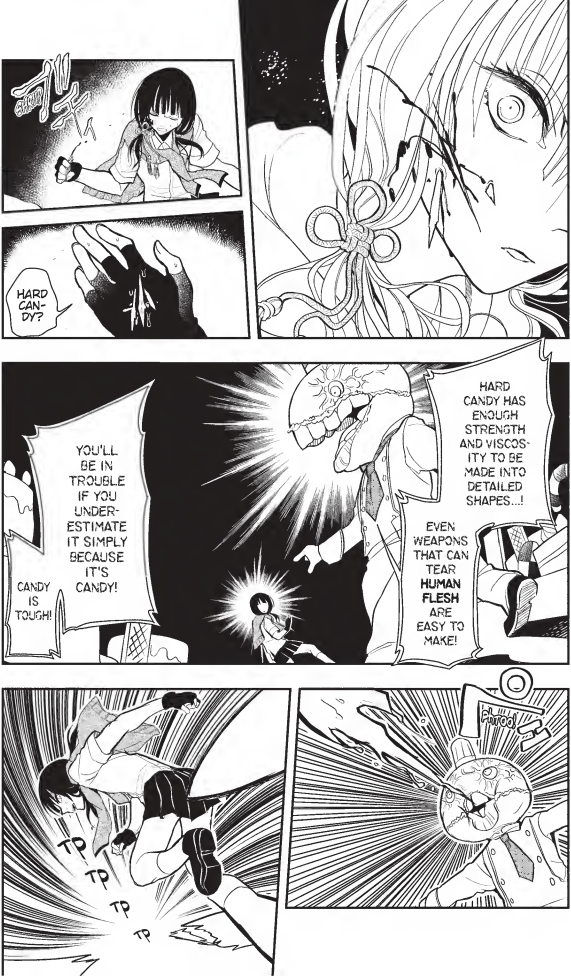

NOW, AT LAST, WE CAN EAT SWEETS ALONE TOGETHER...
ずずずず
SSSSHFF
YOU AND ME, HANAICHI-SAN.
AH --?!
ダッ
DASH

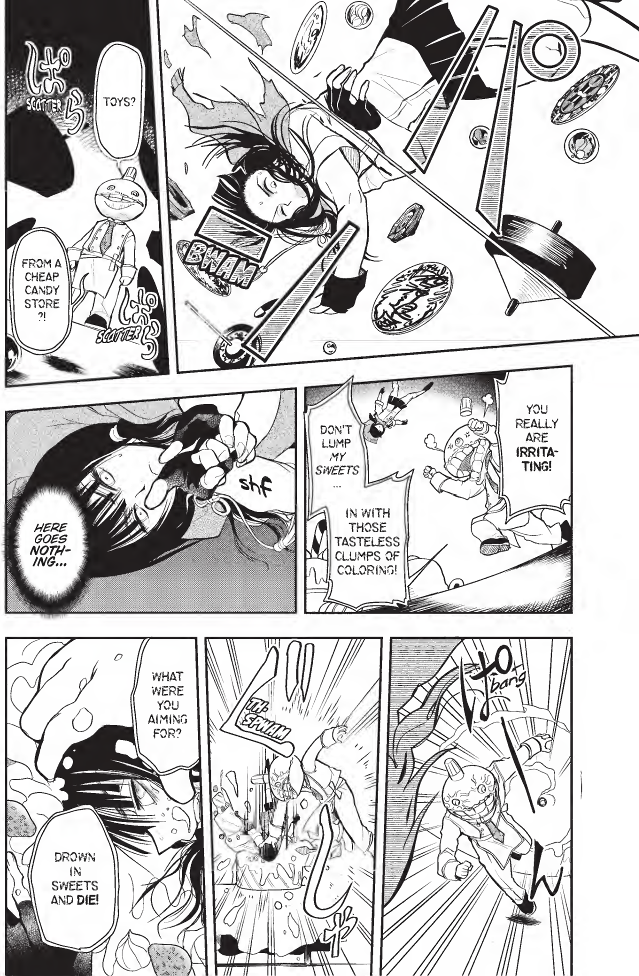

NNNGH... WHERE IN THE WORLD AM I?
TWINGE
SORRY ABOUT THAT, HANAICHI-SAN.
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NOT COME WITH ME, OTHERWISE.
かちゃ
CLINK
HERE, YOUR MILK TEA.
smile

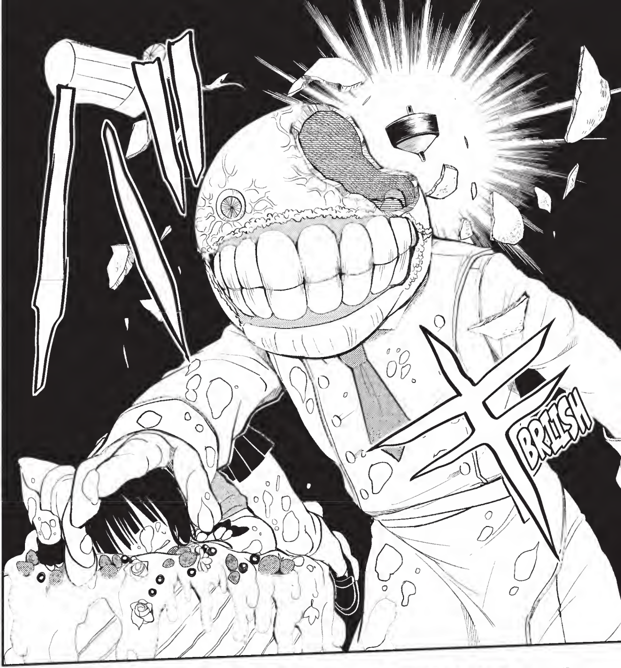

SO, HE'S MISTAKEN ME FOR NEESAN?
PLEASE, GO AHEAD AND EAT!
I PUSHED MYSELF AND MY TALENTS TO MAKE THEM FOR YOU, HANA-ICHI-SAN.
Cough...
SORRY... I'M JUST NOT THAT HUNGRY.
I DON'T EVEN LIKE SWEETS...
IN THAT CASE, HANA-ICHI-SAN...
COULD YOU SHOW ME YOUR SMILE?
HUH?
IS...
twitch
twitch
IS THIS ENOUGH?
LEAP
SOMEHOW, YOUR SMILE LACKS ITS PREVIOUS LOVELINESS...
MORE-OVER...
clatter
clatter


Mm mm mmm!
WHERE'S YOUR NICE CURVY BODY, HANAICHI-SAN?!
shake shake shake
QUIT IT, JERK-WAD!
yank
YOU LACK HANAICHI-SAN'S CHEST!
AND HER BEHIND TOO, IT SEEMS.
GET WITH THE PICTURE!
I'M NOT HANAICHI!
NOT HANAICHI-SAN...
AND THAT VOICE... A GUY?
I THOUGHT I'D FOUND YOU AT LAST...
BUT I'M WRONG AGAIN.
HOW DARE YOU...


HOW *DARE* YOU...
TOY WITH PHANTOM'S *PURE HEART?!*
CRINKLE
CRINKLE
CRASH
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO **KID-NAPPED** ME!
CRUNCH
DON'T TALK WHILE LOOKING LIKE THAT!
IT'LL SULLY MY MEMORY OF HER!
PHTOO!


SHRIIP
ブルチィ
HARD CANDY?
HARD CANDY HAS ENOUGH STRENGTH AND VISCOSITY TO BE MADE INTO DETAILED SHAPES...!
EVEN WEAPONS THAT CAN TEAR **HUMAN FLESH** ARE EASY TO MAKE!
YOU'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF YOU UNDERESTIMATE IT SIMPLY BECAUSE IT'S CANDY!
CANDY IS TOUGH!
ペッ
Phtoo!
TP
TP
TP
TP


BWAM
TOYS?
ぱら
SCATTER
FROM A CHEAP CANDY STORE ?!
ぱら
SCATTER
YOU REALLY ARE IRRITATING!
DON'T LUMP MY SWEETS ...
IN WITH THOSE TASTELESS CLUMPS OF COLORING!
shf
HERE GOES NOTHING...
bang
TH-SPWAM
WHAT WERE YOU AIMING FOR?
DROWN IN SWEETS AND DIE!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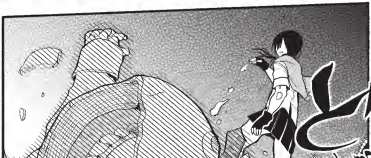
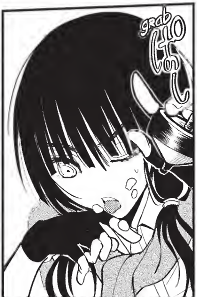
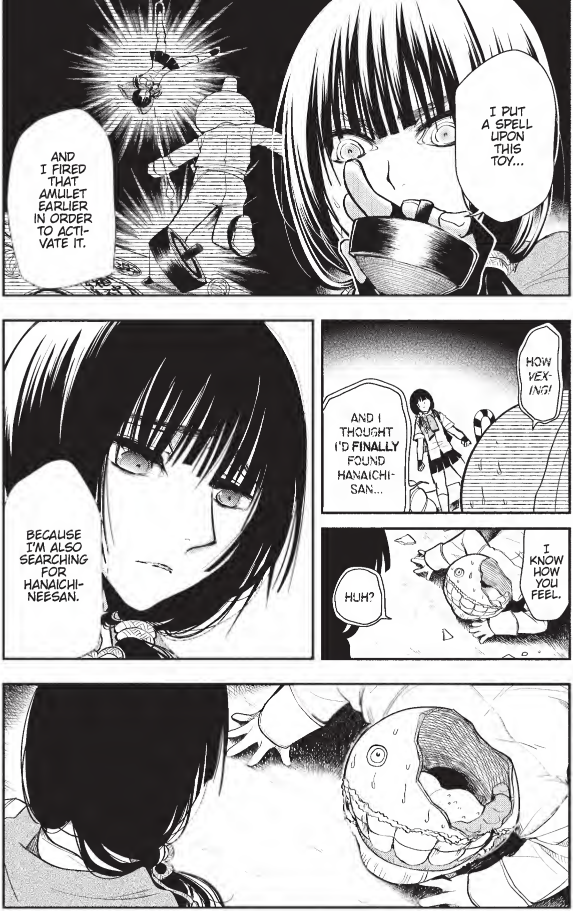
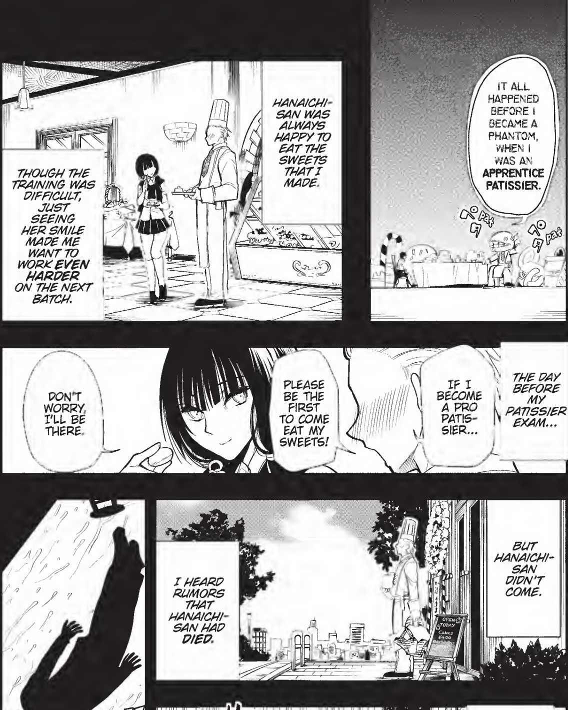
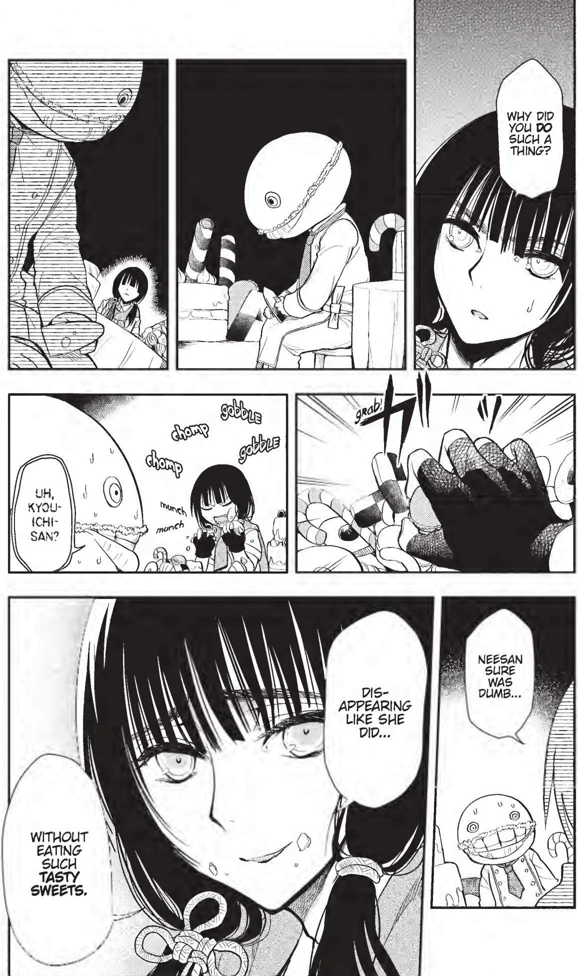
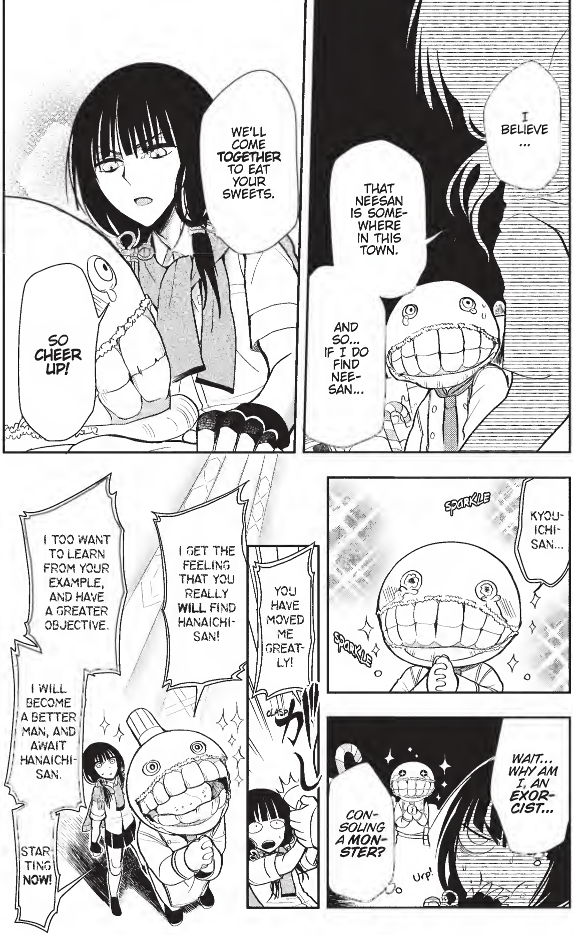

どす!!
whump

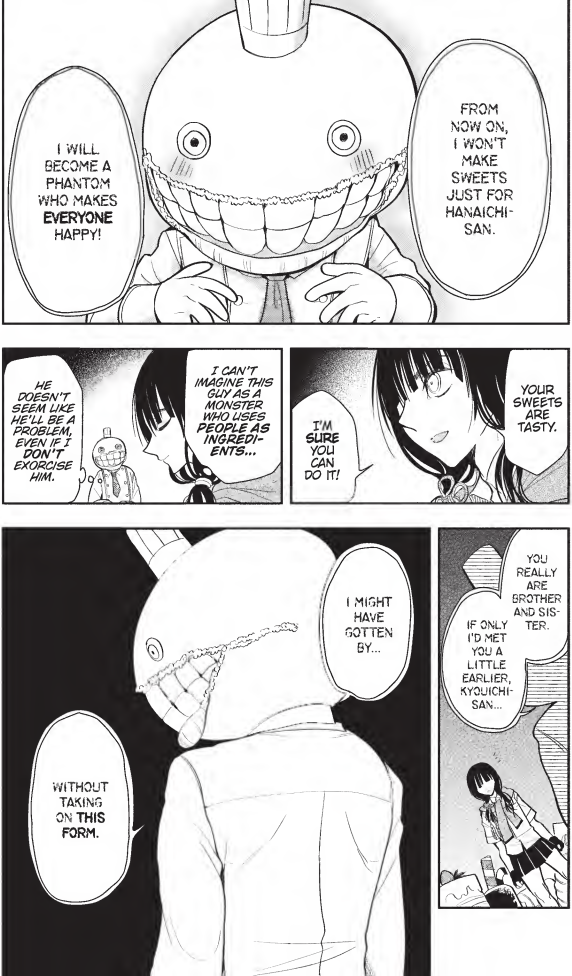

ぱし
grab

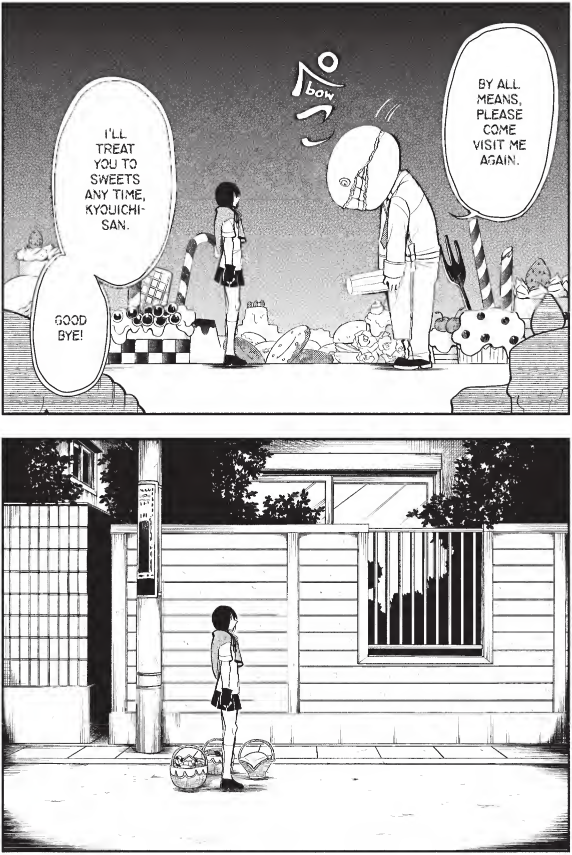

I PUT A SPELL UPON THIS TOY...
AND I FIRED THAT AMULET EARLIER IN ORDER TO ACTIVATE IT.
HOW *VEXING!*
AND I THOUGHT I'D **FINALLY** FOUND HANAICHI-SAN...
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.
HUH?
BECAUSE I'M ALSO SEARCHING FOR HANAICHI-NEESAN.

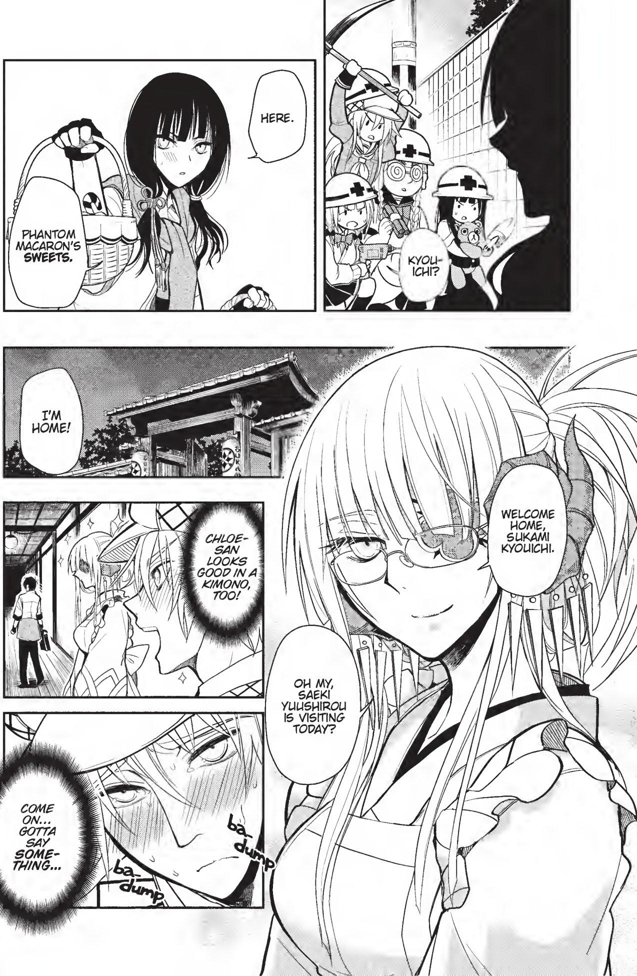

IT ALL HAPPENED BEFORE I BECAME A PHANTOM, WHEN I WAS AN **APPRENTICE PATISSIER.**
pat
pat
HANAICHI-SAN WAS ALWAYS HAPPY TO EAT THE SWEETS THAT I MADE.
THOUGH THE TRAINING WAS DIFFICULT, JUST SEEING HER SMILE MADE ME WANT TO WORK **EVEN HARDER** ON THE NEXT BATCH.
THE DAY BEFORE MY PATISSIER EXAM...
IF I BECOME A PRO PATISSIER...
PLEASE BE THE FIRST TO COME EAT MY SWEETS!
DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE THERE.
BUT HANAICHI-SAN DIDN'T COME.
OPEN TODAY Cakes ¥400
I HEARD RUMORS THAT HANAICHI-SAN HAD **DIED.**
IF HANAICHI-SAN WASN'T GOING TO EAT MY SWEETS, THEN ALL MY HARD WORK HAD BEEN FOR **NOTHING.**
shaa
THINKING THAT, I...
CLATTER

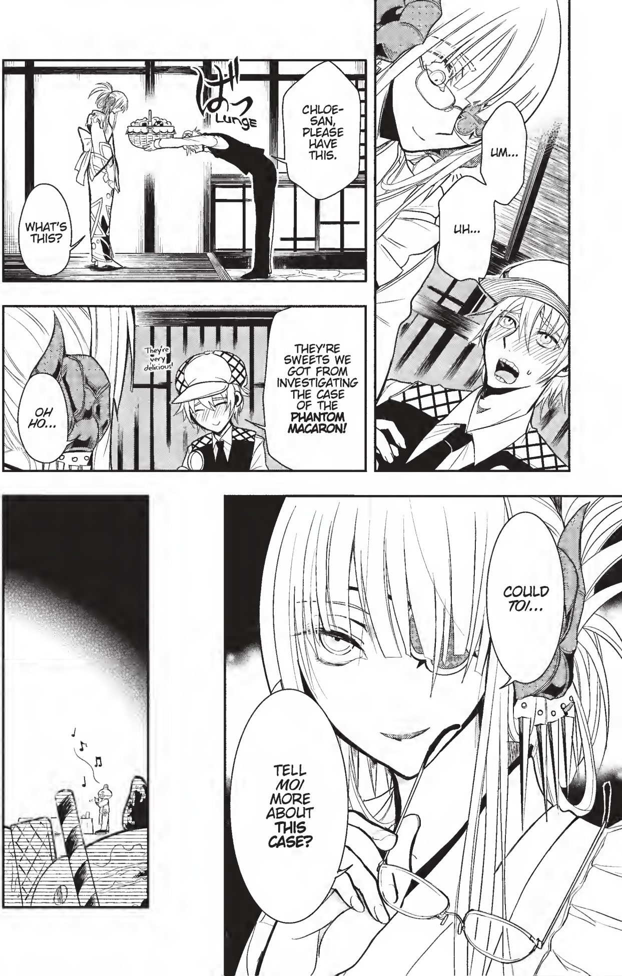

WHY DID YOU **DO** SUCH A THING?
grab!
UH, KYOUICHI-SAN?
gobble
chomp
gobble
chomp
munch
munch
NEESAN SURE WAS DUMB...
DISAPPEARING LIKE SHE DID...
WITHOUT EATING SUCH **TASTY SWEETS.**

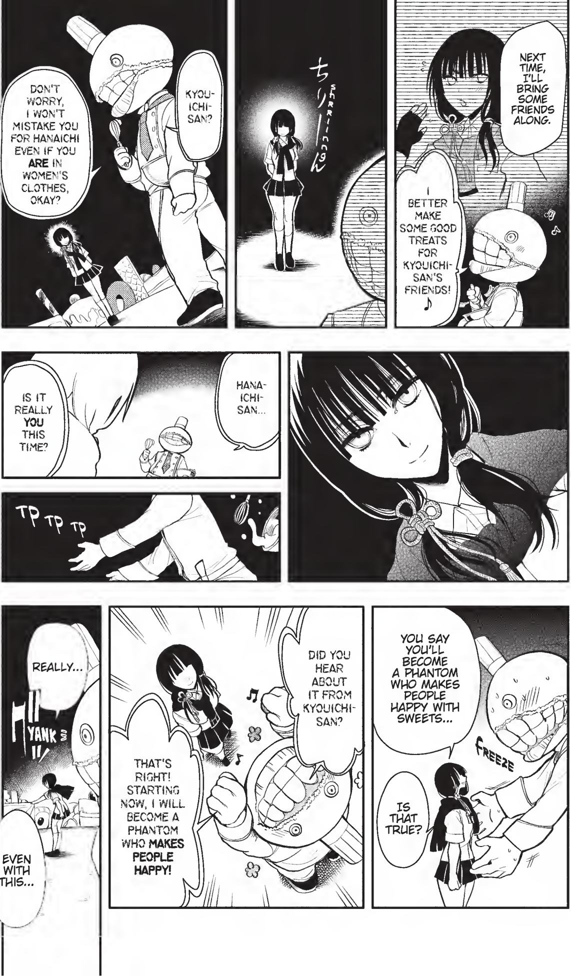

I BELIEVE ...
THAT NEESAN IS SOMEWHERE IN THIS TOWN.
AND SO... IF I DO FIND NEESAN...
WE'LL COME TOGETHER TO EAT YOUR SWEETS.
SO CHEER UP!
SPARKLE
KYOUICHISAN...
SPARKLE
YOU HAVE MOVED ME GREATLY!
CLASP
I GET THE FEELING THAT YOU REALLY WILL FIND HANAICHISAN!
I TOO WANT TO LEARN FROM YOUR EXAMPLE, AND HAVE A GREATER OBJECTIVE.
I WILL BECOME A BETTER MAN, AND AWAIT HANAICHISAN.
STARTING NOW!
WAIT... WHY AM I, AN EXORCIST...
CONSOLING A MONSTER?
Urp!

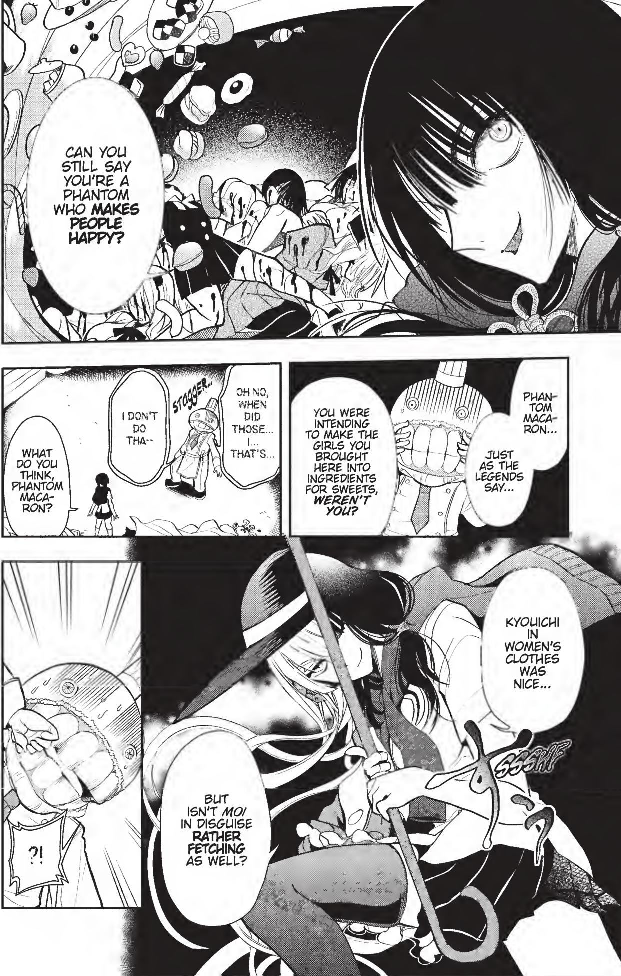

FROM NOW ON, I WON'T MAKE SWEETS JUST FOR HANAICHI-SAN.
I WILL BECOME A PHANTOM WHO MAKES EVERYONE HAPPY!
YOUR SWEETS ARE TASTY.
I'M SURE YOU CAN DO IT!
I CAN'T IMAGINE THIS GUY AS A MONSTER WHO USES PEOPLE AS INGREDIENTS...
HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE'LL BE A PROBLEM, EVEN IF I DON'T EXORCISE HIM.
YOU REALLY ARE BROTHER AND SISTER.
IF ONLY I'D MET YOU A LITTLE EARLIER, KYOUICHI-SAN...
I MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN BY...
WITHOUT TAKING ON THIS FORM.

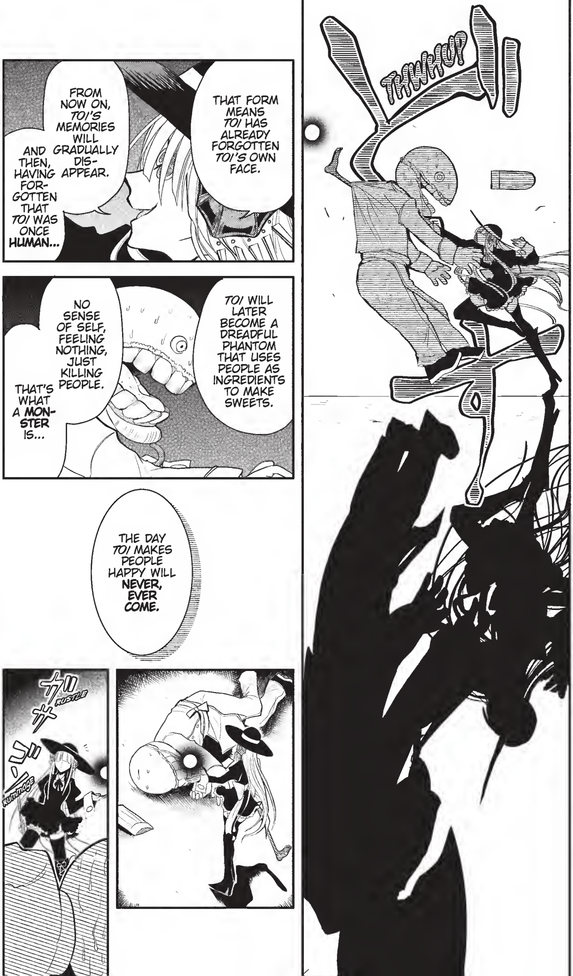

BY ALL MEANS, PLEASE COME VISIT ME AGAIN.
ぺこ bow
I'LL TREAT YOU TO SWEETS ANY TIME, KYOUICHI-SAN.
GOOD BYE!

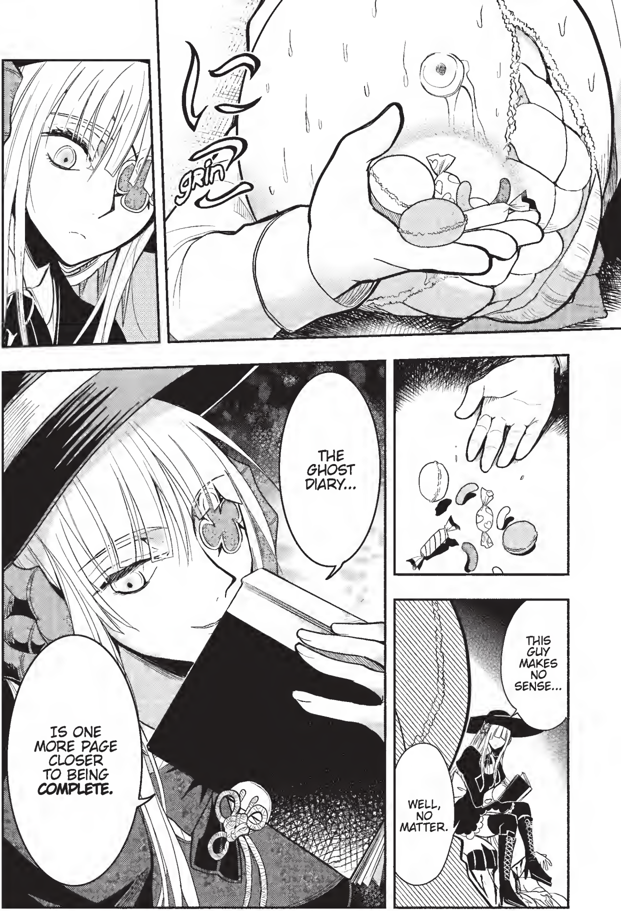

KYOU-ICHI?
HERE.
PHANTOM MACARON'S **SWEETS.**
I'M HOME!
WELCOME HOME, SUKAMI KYOUICHI.
CHLOE-SAN LOOKS GOOD IN A KIMONO, TOO!
OH MY, SAEKI YUUSHIROU IS VISITING TODAY?
COME ON... GOTTA SAY SOME-THING...
ba-dump
ba-dump

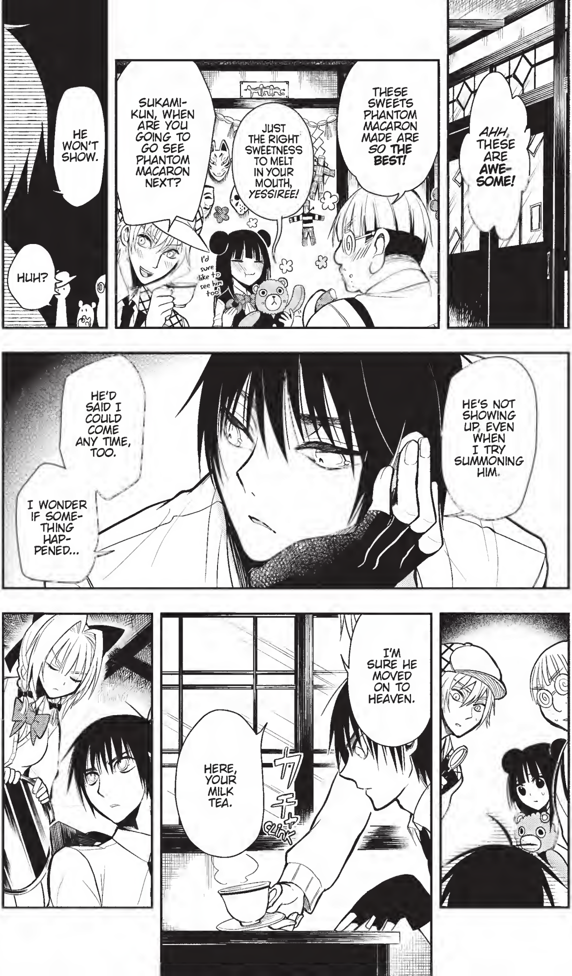

ばっ
Lunge
CHLOE-SAN, PLEASE HAVE THIS.
WHAT'S THIS?
THEY'RE SWEETS WE GOT FROM INVESTIGATING THE CASE OF THE **PHANTOM MACARON!**
They're very delicious!
OH HO...
UM...
UH...
COULD TOI...
TELL *MOI* MORE ABOUT **THIS CASE?**

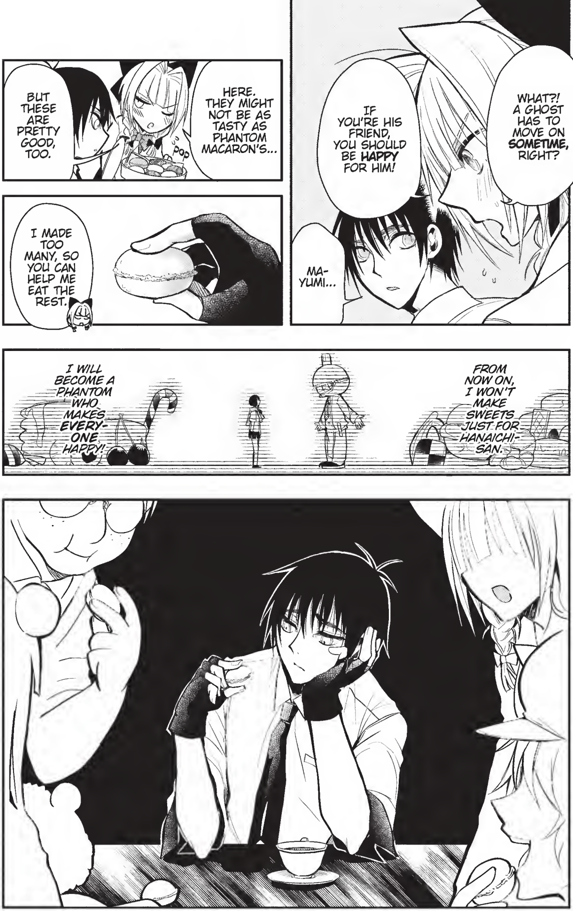

NEXT TIME, I'LL BRING SOME FRIENDS ALONG.
I BETTER MAKE SOME GOOD TREATS FOR KYOUICHI-SAN'S FRIENDS! ♪
ちり shrrinngh
KYOU-ICHI-SAN?
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T MISTAKE YOU FOR HANAICHI EVEN IF YOU **ARE** IN WOMEN'S CLOTHES, OKAY?
HANA-ICHI-SAN...
IS IT REALLY **YOU** THIS TIME?
TP TP TP
YOU SAY YOU'LL BECOME A PHANTOM WHO MAKES PEOPLE HAPPY WITH SWEETS...
FREEZE
IS THAT TRUE?
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT IT FROM KYOUICHI-SAN?
THAT'S RIGHT! STARTING NOW, I WILL BECOME A PHANTOM WHO **MAKES PEOPLE HAPPY!**
REALLY...
YANK
EVEN WITH THIS...

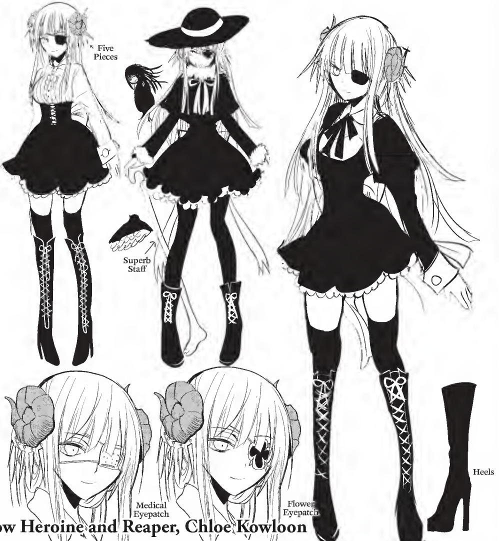

CAN YOU STILL SAY YOU'RE A PHANTOM WHO **MAKES PEOPLE HAPPY?**
PHANTOM MACARON...
JUST AS THE LEGENDS SAY...
YOU WERE INTENDING TO MAKE THE GIRLS YOU BROUGHT HERE INTO INGREDIENTS FOR SWEETS, ***WEREN'T YOU?***
OH NO, WHEN DID THOSE... I... THAT'S...
STAGGER...
I DON'T DO THA--
WHAT DO YOU THINK, PHANTOM MACARON?
KYOUICHI IN WOMEN'S CLOTHES WAS NICE...
SSSHF
BUT ISN'T *MOI* IN DISGUISE **RATHER FETCHING** AS WELL?
?!


THWHUP
THAT FORM MEANS *TOI* HAS ALREADY FORGOTTEN *TOI'S* OWN FACE.
FROM NOW ON, *TOI'S* MEMORIES WILL GRADUALLY DISAPPEAR.
AND THEN, HAVING FORGOTTEN THAT *TOI* WAS ONCE **HUMAN...**
TOI WILL LATER BECOME A DREADFUL PHANTOM THAT USES PEOPLE AS INGREDIENTS TO MAKE SWEETS.
NO SENSE OF SELF, FEELING NOTHING, JUST KILLING PEOPLE.
THAT'S WHAT A **MONSTER** IS...
THE DAY *TOI* MAKES PEOPLE HAPPY WILL **NEVER, EVER COME.**
RUSTLE
RUMMAGE


grin
THIS GUY MAKES NO SENSE...
WELL, NO MATTER.
THE GHOST DIARY...
IS ONE MORE PAGE CLOSER TO BEING **COMPLETE.**


AHH, THESE ARE AWESOME!
THESE SWEETS PHANTOM MACARON MADE ARE SO THE BEST!
JUST THE RIGHT SWEETNESS TO MELT IN YOUR MOUTH, YESSIREE!
I'd sure like to see him too!
SUKAMI-KUN, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GO SEE PHANTOM MACARON NEXT?
HE WON'T SHOW.
HUH?
HE'S NOT SHOWING UP, EVEN WHEN I TRY SUMMONING HIM.
HE'D SAID I COULD COME ANY TIME, TOO.
I WONDER IF SOMETHING HAPPENED...
I'M SURE HE MOVED ON TO HEAVEN.
HERE, YOUR MILK TEA.
カチャ
CLINK


WHAT?! A GHOST HAS TO MOVE ON **SOMETIME,** RIGHT?
IF YOU'RE HIS FRIEND, YOU SHOULD BE **HAPPY** FOR HIM!
MA-YUMI...
HERE. THEY MIGHT NOT BE AS TASTY AS PHANTOM MACARON'S...
POP
BUT THESE ARE PRETTY GOOD, TOO.
I MADE TOO MANY, SO YOU CAN HELP ME EAT THE REST.
FROM NOW ON, I WON'T MAKE SWEETS JUST FOR HANAICHI-SAN.
I WILL BECOME A PHANTOM WHO MAKES ***EVERYONE*** *HAPPY!*



Shadow Heroine and Reaper, Chloe Kowloon

About her last name: I was hooked on the video game Kowloon's Gate at the time, and so I took it from that. This game is unique for its Fantasy China atmosphere, and is very scary (lol)!

For her appearance (an imposing woman with a Greta Garbo hat), I used "Hasshaku-sama" as a reference. She's from that online urban legend and is supposed to be over two meters tall! While Hasshaku-sama dresses in fine, white clothing, Chloe is a reaper, so I went with black mourning clothes. The horns I took from the idea that "death = eternal sleep = sheep," I think.

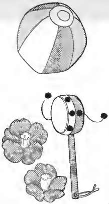
I got the idea for her pet(?)--a crow with a human head --from a game called *Yuuyami Doori Tankentai.*

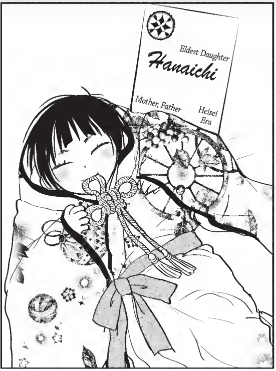
I also used this game as a reference for *Ghost Diary's* "Legend Investigations."

This horror game has a thing called "panorama view" where you can survey 360 degrees around a fixed place, and I got chills numerous times from the fear of not knowing what I would see.

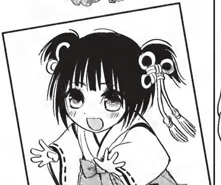
Today's Theme: Chloe Kowloon

Sukami Family Album

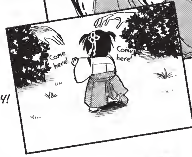



Eldest Daughter
Hanaichi
Mother, Father
Heisei Era

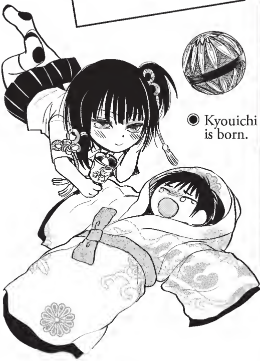
◉ Eldest daughter Hanaichi is born!



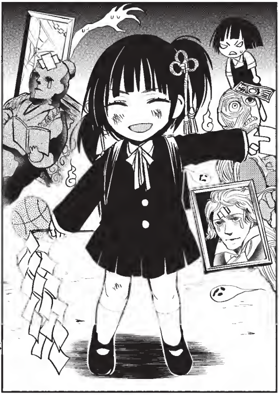
◉ Hanaichi takes her first steps!


Come here!
Come here!

◉ NO, DON'T GO THAT WAY!



◉ Kyouichi is born.



◉ Hanaichi seals away all her school's **Seven Wonders Monsters!**

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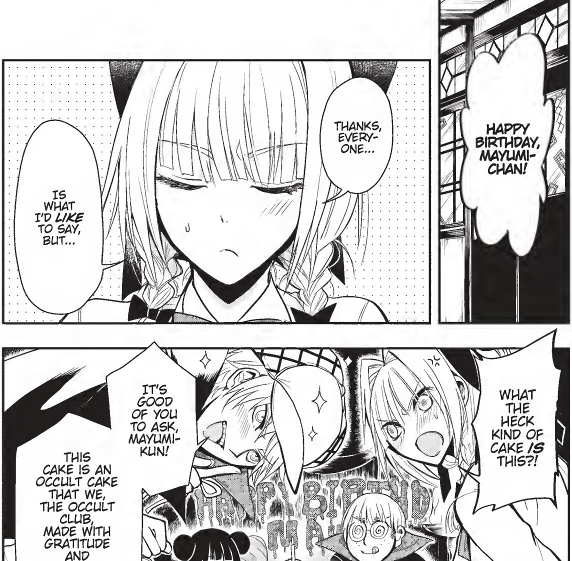
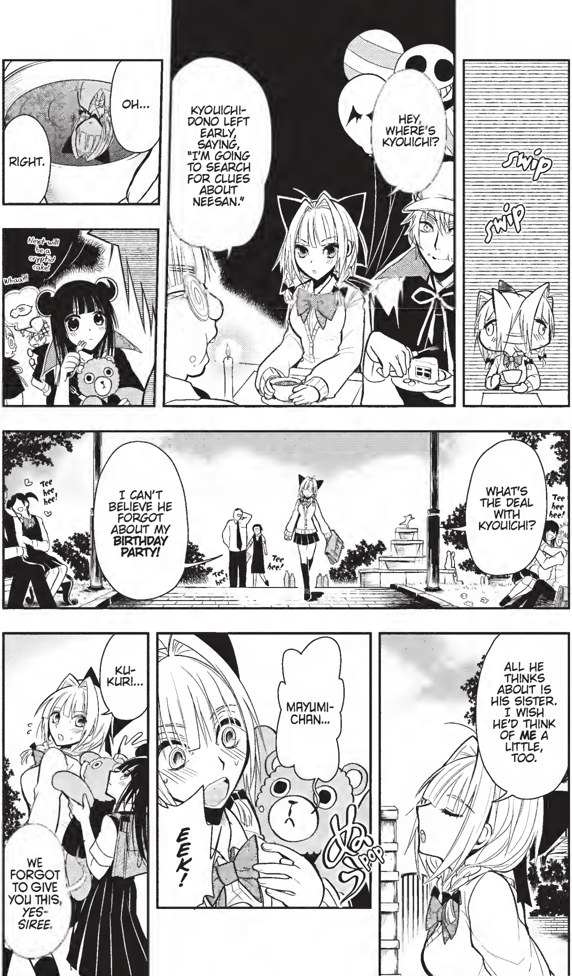
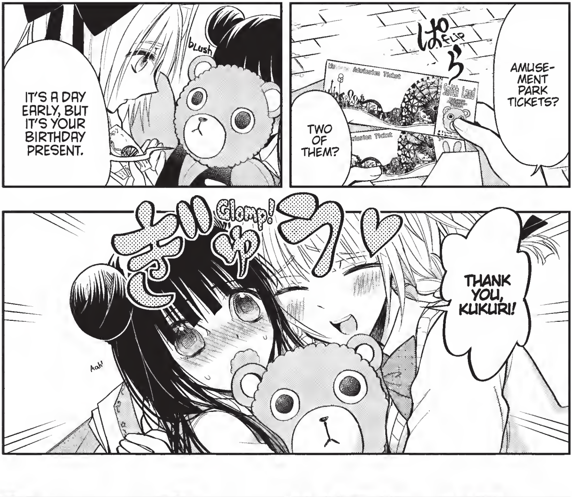
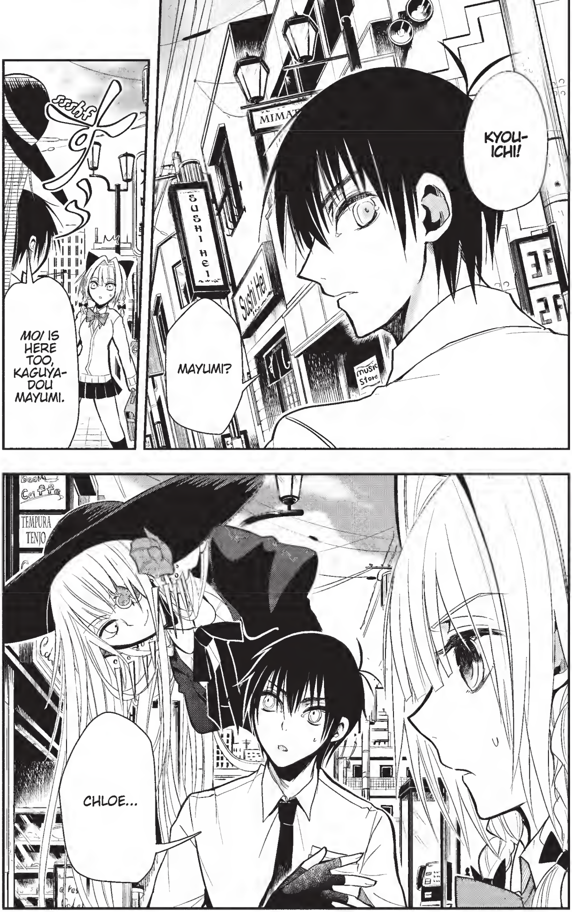
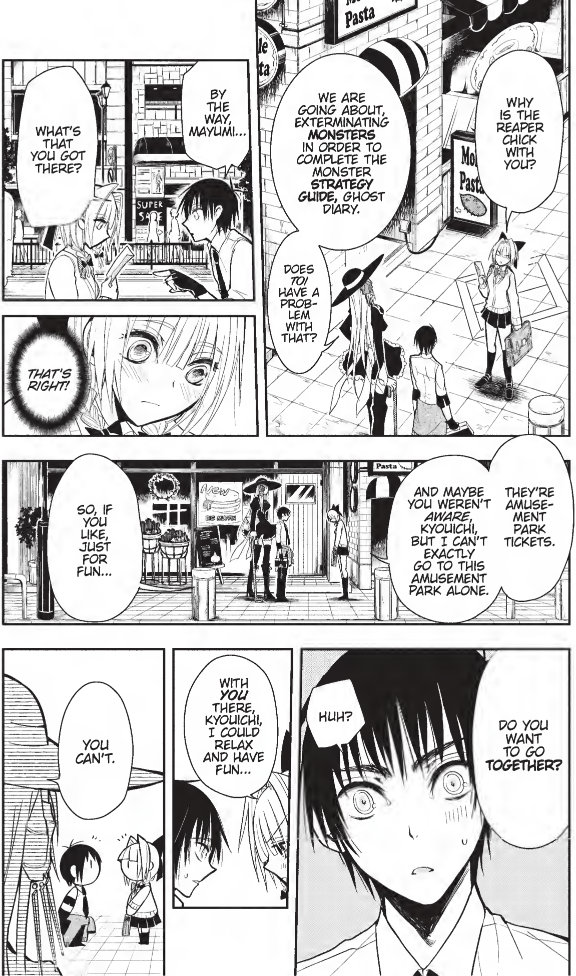
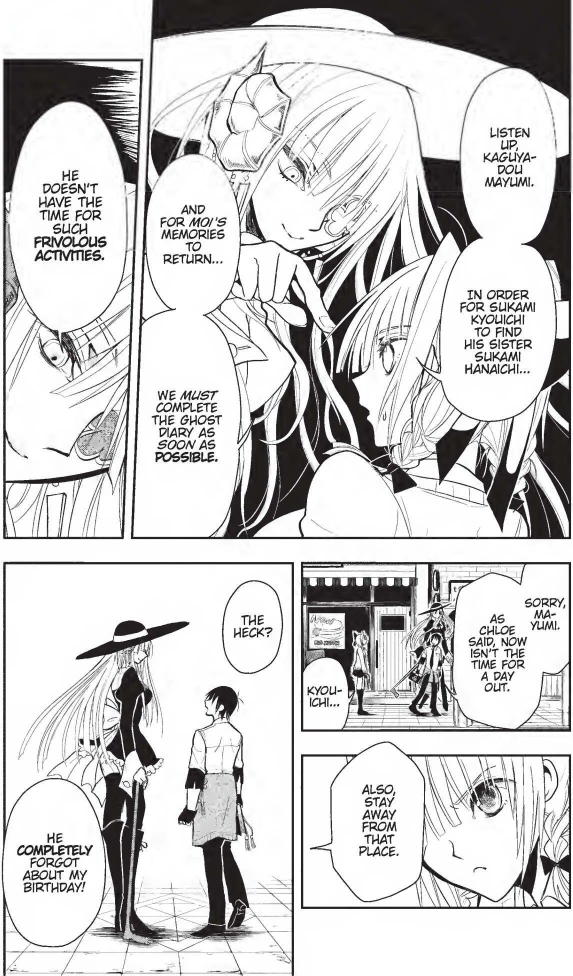

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MAYUMI-CHAN!
THANKS, EVERYONE...
IS WHAT I'D *LIKE* TO SAY, BUT...
WHAT THE HECK KIND OF CAKE *IS* THIS?!
IT'S GOOD OF YOU TO ASK, MAYUMI-KUN!
THIS CAKE IS AN OCCULT CAKE THAT WE, THE OCCULT CLUB, MADE WITH GRATITUDE AND RESPECT.
HAPPY BIRTHD MA
Happy Birthday MAYUMI
I HOPE YOU LIKE IT.
INCIDENTALLY, THERE ARE 108 **SECRET INGREDIENTS** TO GIVE IT EXTRA FLAVOR.
CRACKLE crunch
It puts even Every-Flavor Jelly Beans to shame!
chew chew
EVER BITE IS A SURPRISE. I COULD EAT THIS FOREVER, *YESSIREE!*
These people are useless. I can't believe we're friends...
I KNOW IT'S A DAY EARLY, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE TOMORROW IS A DAY OFF. SO... **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**
snap snap snap
I'M FINE WITH BIRTHDAY WISHES, BUT NOT **THE CAKE.**

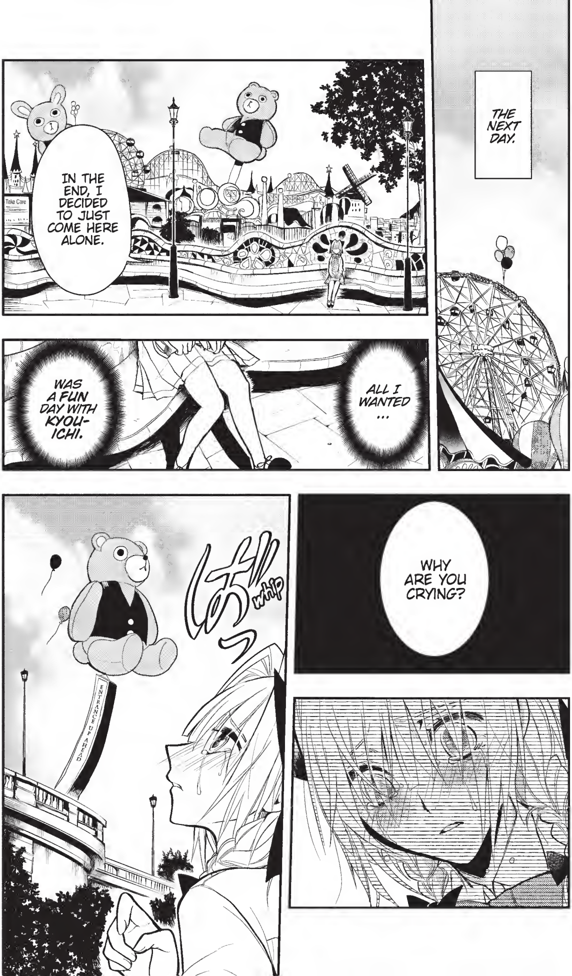

swip
swip
HEY, WHERE'S KYOUICHI?
KYOUICHI-DONO LEFT EARLY, SAYING, "I'M GOING TO SEARCH FOR CLUES ABOUT NEESAN."
OH...
RIGHT.
Next will be a cryptid cake!
Whaa?!
WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH KYOUICHI?
Tee hee hee!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE FORGOT ABOUT MY BIRTHDAY PARTY!
Tee hee!
Tee hee!
Tee hee hee!
ALL HE THINKS ABOUT IS HIS SISTER. I WISH HE'D THINK OF ME A LITTLE, TOO.
MAYUMI-CHAN...
EEK!
pop
KU-KURI...
WE FORGOT TO GIVE YOU THIS, YES-SIREE.

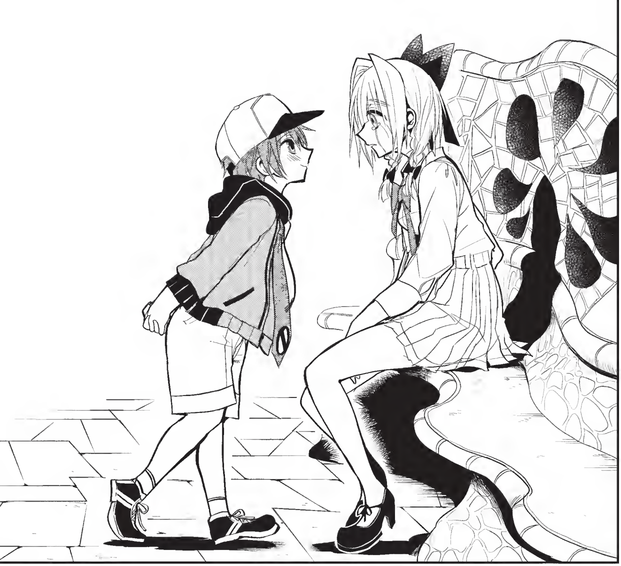

ぱら FLIP
AMUSE-MENT PARK TICKETS?
TWO OF THEM?
Admission Ticket
Smith Land
blush
IT'S A DAY EARLY, BUT IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT.
ぎゅう Glomp! ♥
THANK YOU, KUKURI!
Aah!
IT WAS NICE TO GET THESE...
BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I DON'T HAVE ANY-ONE TO GO WITH ME!
Bread
Bread Festival!
Bread B-Bread
PLUS, THIS AMUSE-MENT PARK IS...
cafe
ox udon
OH!

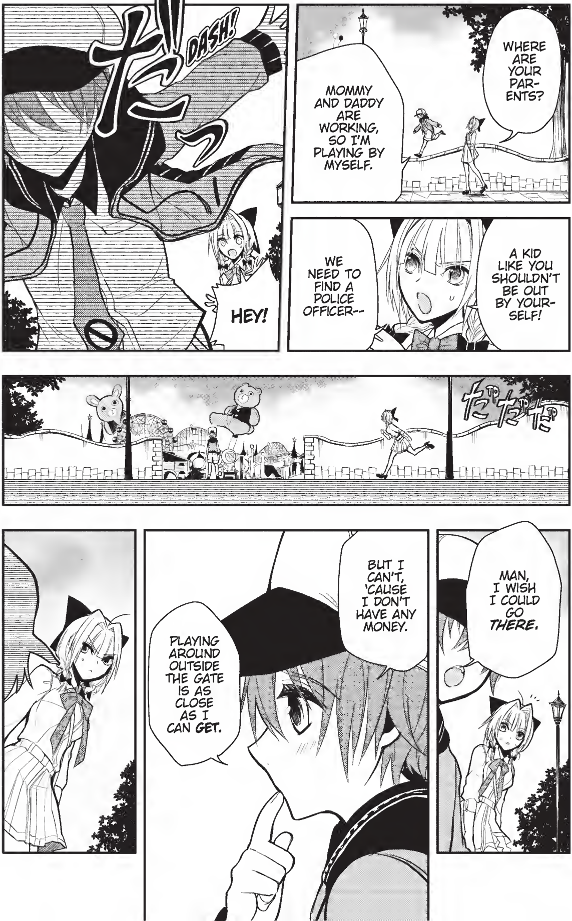

KYOU-ICHI!
MIMAT
SUSHI HEI
Sushi Hei
3F
2F
music Store
MAYUMI?
ssshf
MOI IS HERE TOO, KAGUYA-DOU MAYUMI.
beat Caffe
TEMPURA TENJO
CHLOE...

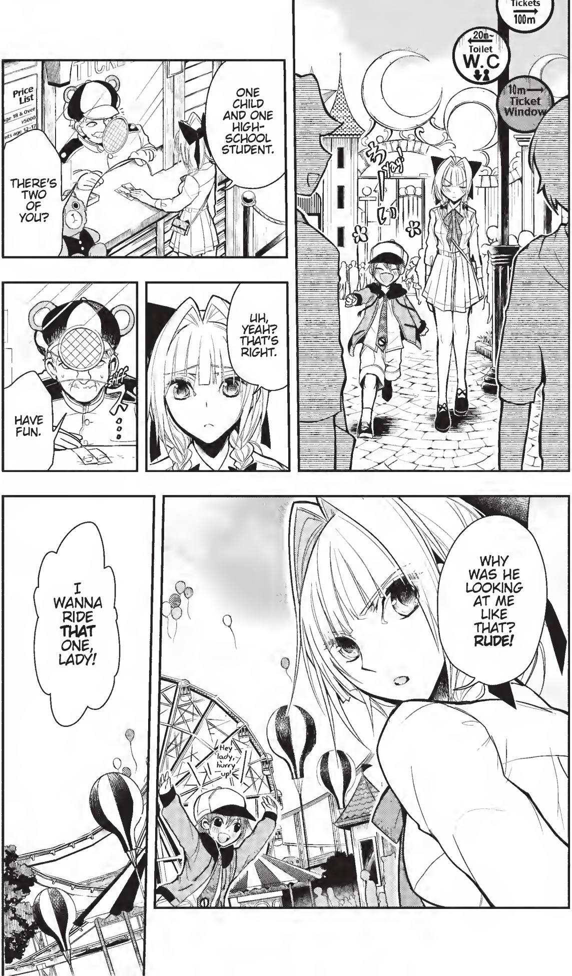

Pasta
WHY IS THE REAPER CHICK WITH YOU?
Monster Pasta
WE ARE GOING ABOUT, EXTERMINATING **MONSTERS** IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE MONSTER **STRATEGY GUIDE,** GHOST DIARY.
DOES *TOI* HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
BY THE WAY, MAYUMI...
WHAT'S THAT YOU GOT THERE?
SUPER SALE
THAT'S RIGHT!
Pasta
THEY'RE AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS.
AND MAYBE YOU WEREN'T *AWARE,* KYOUICHI, BUT I CAN'T EXACTLY GO TO THIS AMUSEMENT PARK ALONE.
New
BIG MUFFIN
SO, IF YOU LIKE, JUST FOR FUN...
DO YOU WANT TO GO **TOGETHER?**
HUH?
WITH ***YOU*** THERE, KYOUICHI, I COULD RELAX AND HAVE FUN...
YOU CAN'T.

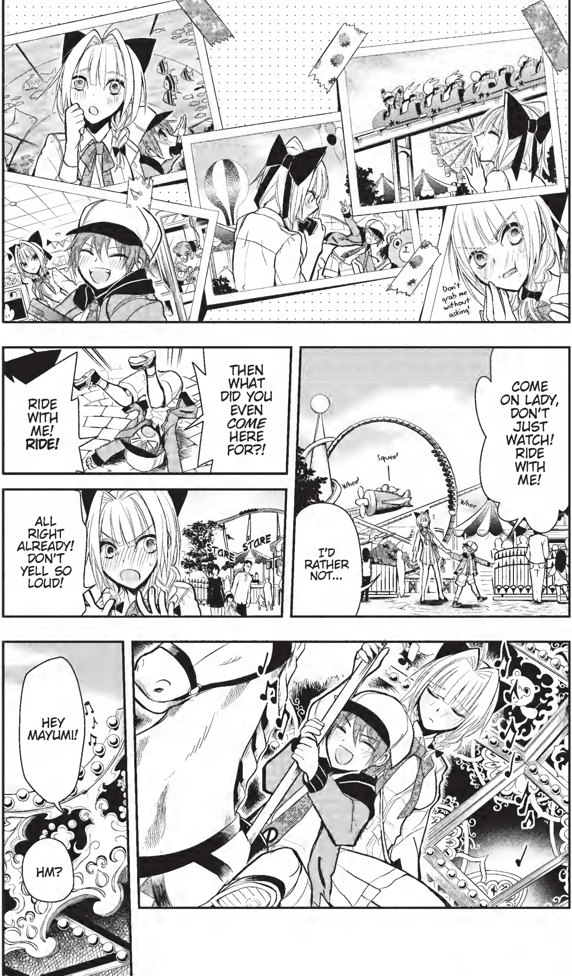

LISTEN UP, KAGUYA-DOU MAYUMI.
IN ORDER FOR SUKAMI KYOUICHI TO FIND HIS SISTER SUKAMI HANAICHI...
AND FOR MOI'S MEMORIES TO RETURN...
WE MUST COMPLETE THE GHOST DIARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
HE DOESN'T HAVE THE TIME FOR SUCH FRIVOLOUS ACTIVITIES.
SORRY, MAYUMI.
AS CHLOE SAID, NOW ISN'T THE TIME FOR A DAY OUT.
NEW
BIG MUFFIN
KYOUICHI...
ALSO, STAY AWAY FROM THAT PLACE.
THE HECK?
HE COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT MY BIRTHDAY!

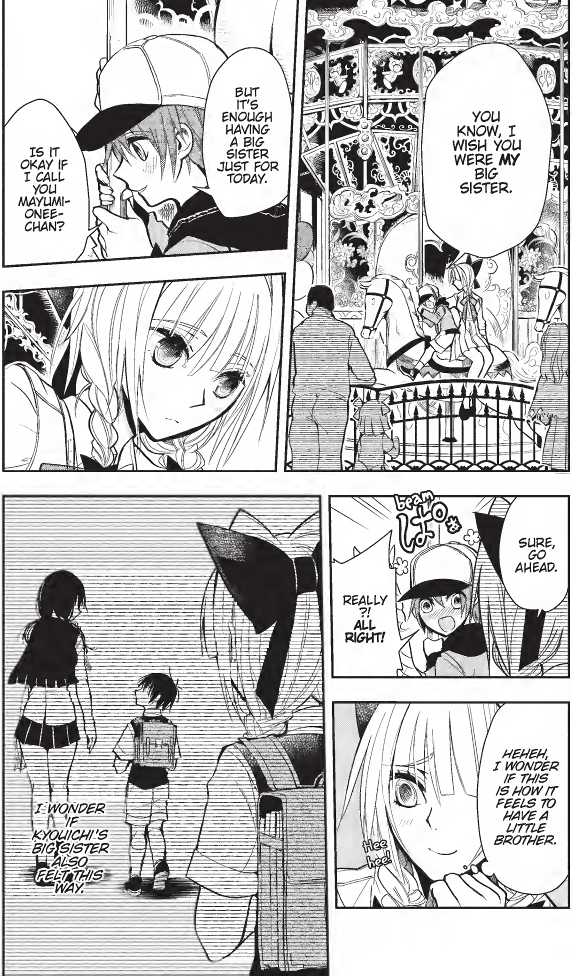

THE NEXT DAY.
IN THE END, I DECIDED TO JUST COME HERE ALONE.
Take Care
Entrance
ALL I WANTED ...
WAS A FUN DAY WITH KYOUICHI.
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
whip
ENTRANCE UP AHEAD

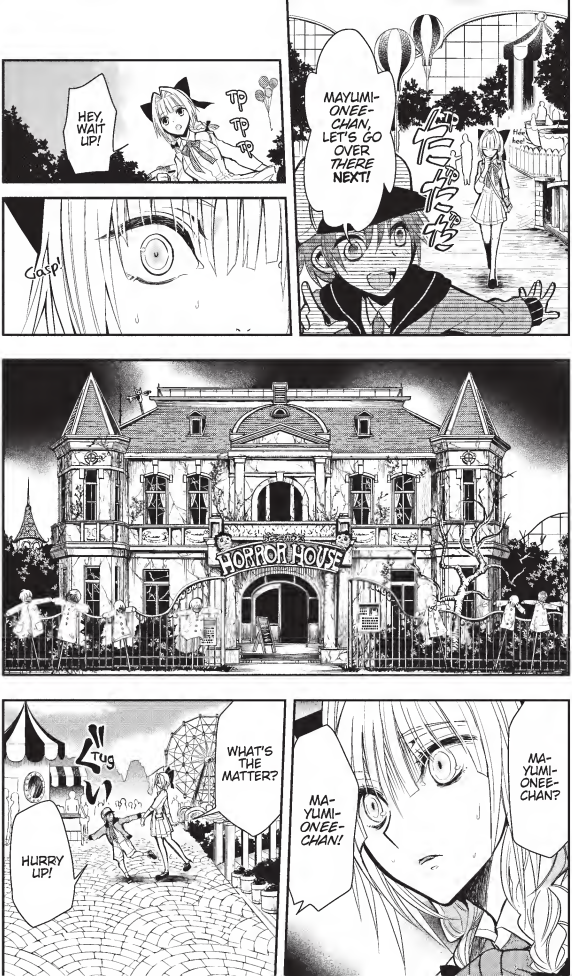

HEY LADY, ARE YOU ALL BY YOURSELF?
IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN COME PLAY WITH ME!


WHERE ARE YOUR PARENTS?
MOMMY AND DADDY ARE WORKING, SO I'M PLAYING BY MYSELF.
A KID LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T BE OUT BY YOURSELF!
WE NEED TO FIND A POLICE OFFICER--
DASH!
HEY!
TP TP TP TP
MAN, I WISH I COULD GO *THERE.*
BUT I CAN'T, 'CAUSE I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.
PLAYING AROUND OUTSIDE THE GATE IS AS CLOSE AS I CAN **GET.**


Tickets
100m
20m
Toilet
W.C
10m
Ticket Window
Yay!
Price List
Age 18 & Over
¥5000
Students age 12-17
One child and one high-school student.
There's two of you?
Uh, yeah? That's right.
Have fun.
Why was he looking at me like that? **Rude!**
Hey lady, hurry up!
I wanna ride **THAT** one, lady!


Don't grab me without asking!
COME ON LADY, DON'T JUST WATCH! RIDE WITH ME!
Squee!
Whee!
Whee
I'D RATHER NOT...
THEN WHAT DID YOU EVEN COME HERE FOR?!
RIDE WITH ME! RIDE!
STARE STARE
ALL RIGHT ALREADY! DON'T YELL SO LOUD!
HEY MAYUMI!
HM?


YOU KNOW, I WISH YOU WERE **MY** BIG SISTER.
BUT IT'S ENOUGH HAVING A BIG SISTER JUST FOR TODAY.
IS IT OKAY IF I CALL YOU MAYUMI-ONEE-CHAN?
SURE, GO AHEAD.
beam
REALLY?! **ALL RIGHT!**
HEHEH, I WONDER IF THIS IS HOW IT FEELS TO HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER.
Hee hee!
I WONDER IF KYOUICHI'S BIG SISTER ALSO FELT THIS WAY.


MAYUMI-ONEE-CHAN, LET'S GO OVER THERE NEXT!
Hee hee!
HEY, WAIT UP!
TP TP TP
Gasp!
ホラーハウス
HORROR HOUSE
MA-YUMI-ONEE-CHAN?
MA-YUMI-ONEE-CHAN!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
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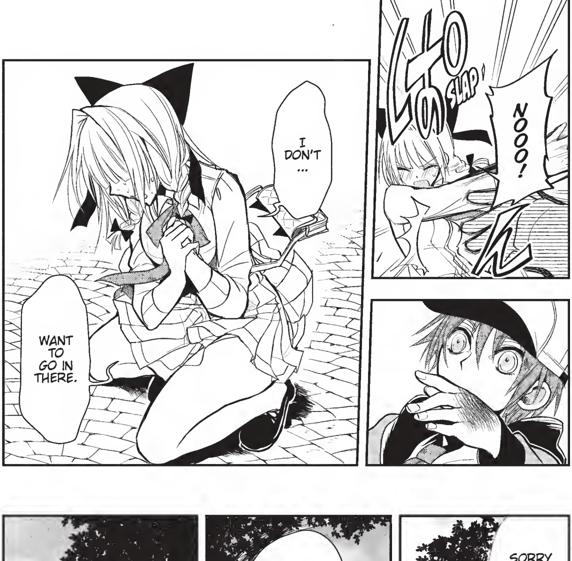
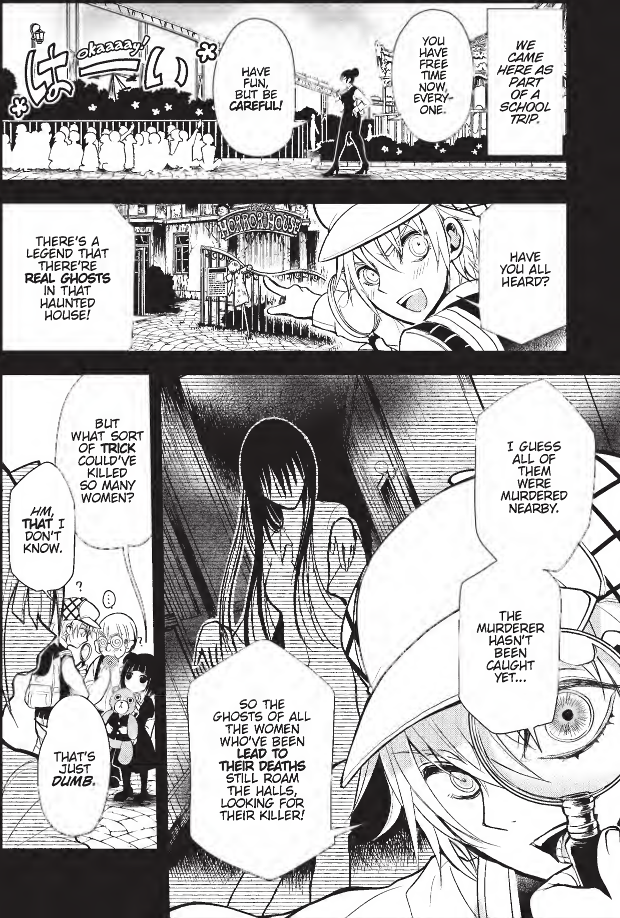
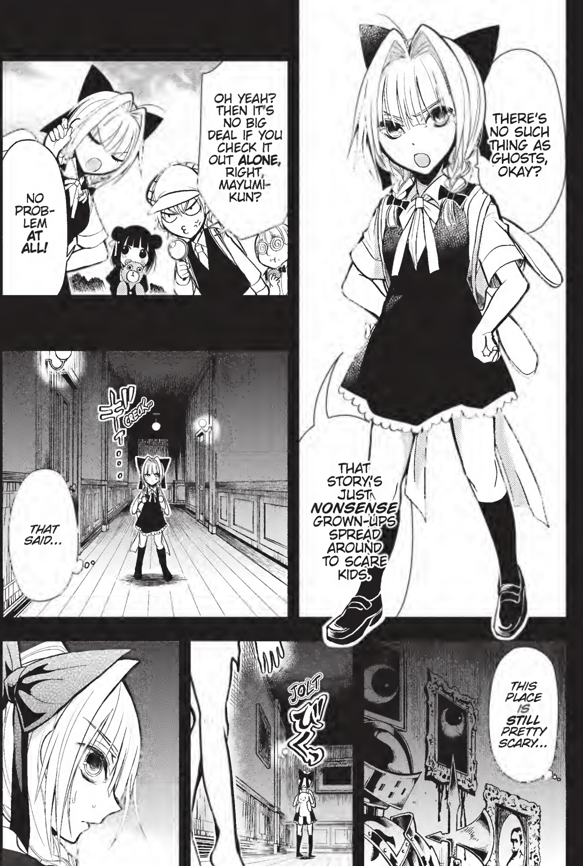
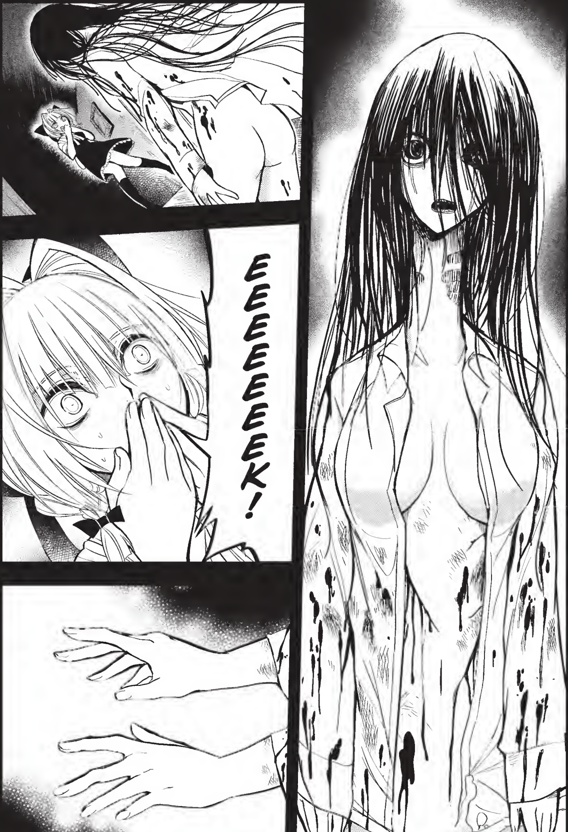
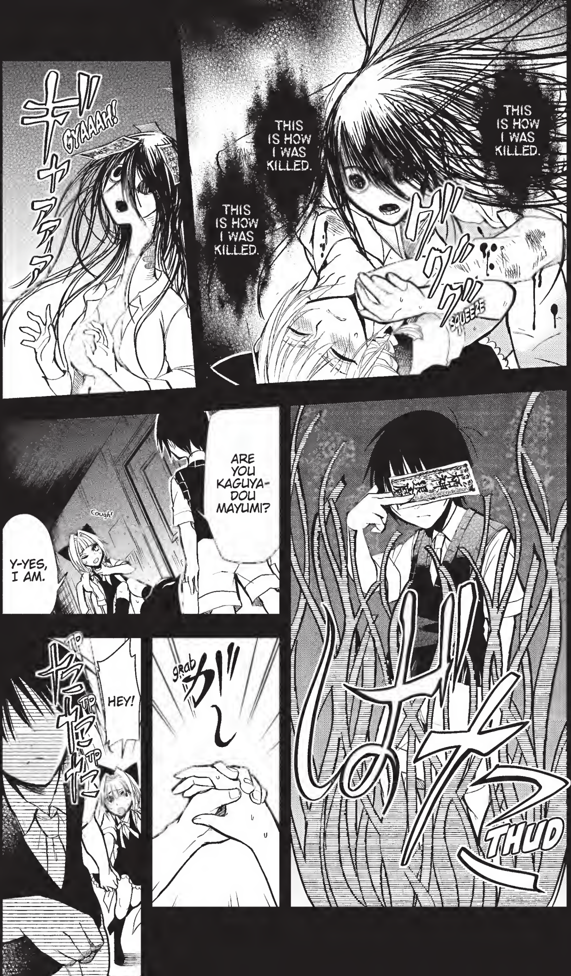
Tug
HURRY UP!

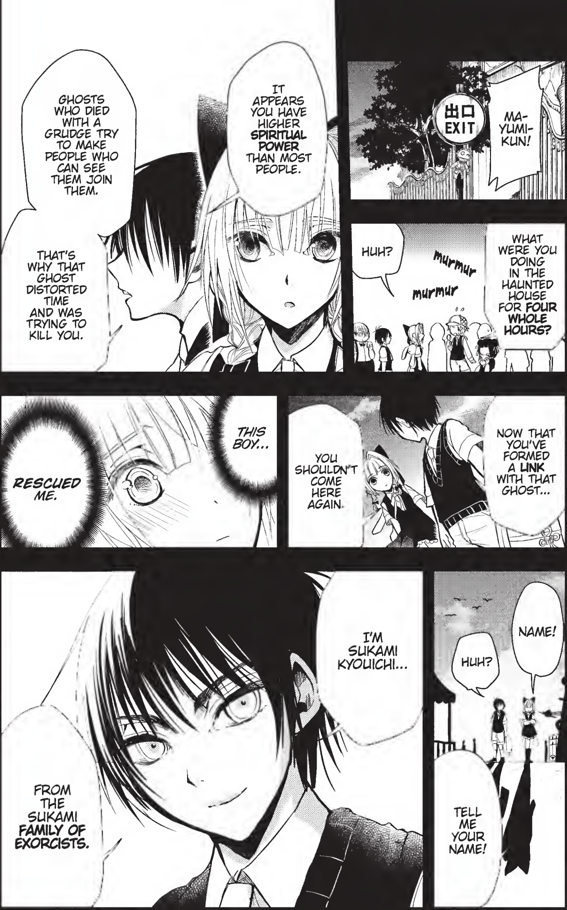

NOOO!
SLAP
I DON'T ...
WANT TO GO IN THERE.
SORRY ABOUT EARLIER. I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOU...
NAH, IT WASN'T THAT BAD.
BUT... WHY WERE YOU SO SCARED OF THE **HAUNTED HOUSE?**
IT'S JUST, I'VE BEEN TO THIS AMUSEMENT PARK BEFORE, WHEN I WAS ABOUT **YOUR AGE.**

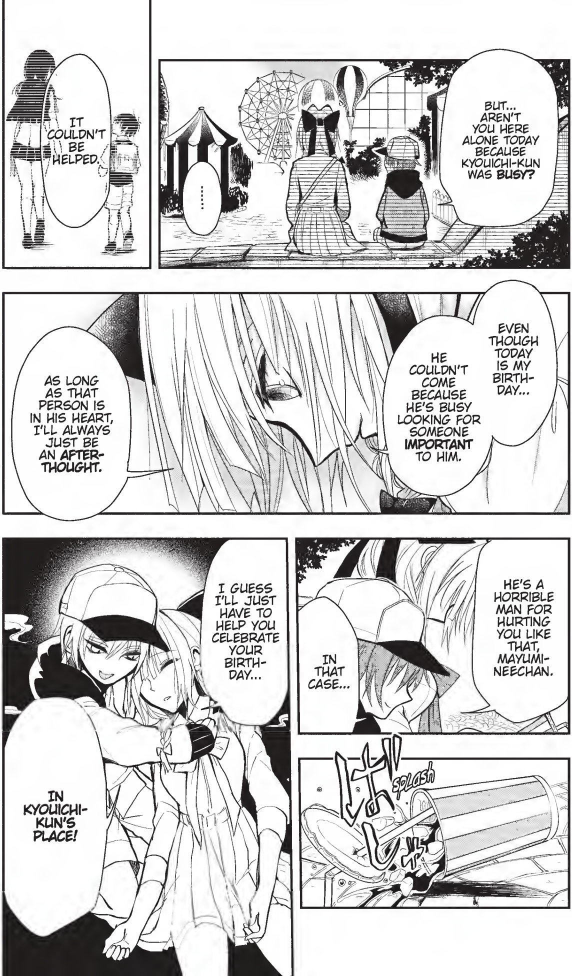

WE CAME HERE AS PART OF A SCHOOL TRIP.
YOU HAVE FREE TIME NOW, EVERY-ONE.
HAVE FUN, BUT BE **CAREFUL!**
はーい
okaaaay!
HAVE YOU ALL HEARD?
HORROR HOUSE
THERE'S A LEGEND THAT THERE'RE **REAL GHOSTS** IN THAT HAUNTED HOUSE!
I GUESS ALL OF THEM WERE MURDERED NEARBY.
THE MURDERER HASN'T BEEN CAUGHT YET...
SO THE GHOSTS OF ALL THE WOMEN WHO'VE BEEN **LEAD TO THEIR DEATHS** STILL ROAM THE HALLS, LOOKING FOR THEIR KILLER!
BUT WHAT SORT OF **TRICK** COULD'VE KILLED SO MANY WOMEN?
HM, **THAT** I DON'T KNOW.
?
...
?
THAT'S JUST ***DUMB.***

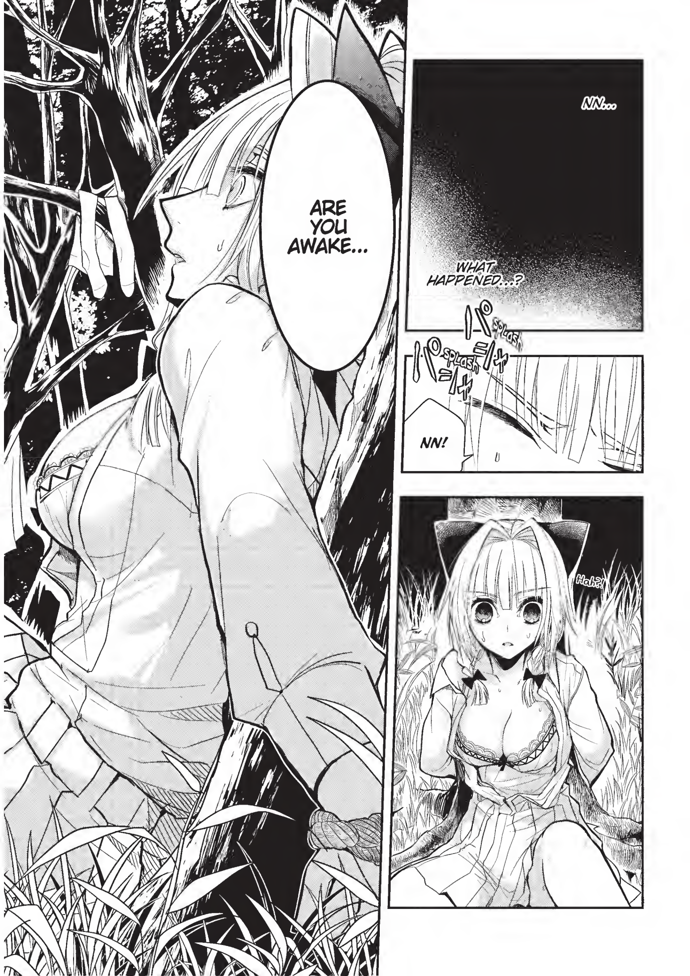

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS GHOSTS, OKAY?
THAT STORY'S JUST **NONSENSE** GROWN-UPS SPREAD AROUND TO SCARE KIDS.
OH YEAH? THEN IT'S NO BIG DEAL IF YOU CHECK IT OUT **ALONE,** RIGHT, MAYUMI-KUN?
NO PROBLEM **AT ALL!**
CREAK
THAT SAID...
THIS PLACE ***IS STILL*** *PRETTY SCARY...*
JOLT


EEEEEEEEK!


THIS IS HOW I WAS KILLED.
THIS IS HOW I WAS KILLED.
THIS IS HOW I WAS KILLED.
ググググ
SQUEEZE
ギャァァァァ
GYAAAH!
Sukumi Evil Eradication
THUD
ARE YOU KAGUYA-DOU MAYUMI?
Cough!
Y-YES, I AM.
ガシ
grab
HEY!
たったったっ
TAP TAP TAP


出口 EXIT
MA-YUMI-KUN!
WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THE HAUNTED HOUSE FOR **FOUR WHOLE HOURS?**
murmur
murmur
HUH?
IT APPEARS YOU HAVE HIGHER **SPIRITUAL POWER** THAN MOST PEOPLE.
GHOSTS WHO DIED WITH A GRUDGE TRY TO MAKE PEOPLE WHO CAN SEE THEM JOIN THEM.
THAT'S WHY THAT GHOST DISTORTED TIME AND WAS TRYING TO KILL YOU.
NOW THAT YOU'VE FORMED A **LINK** WITH THAT GHOST...
YOU SHOULDN'T COME HERE AGAIN.
THIS BOY...
RESCUED ME.
NAME!
HUH?
TELL ME YOUR NAME!
I'M SUKAMI KYOUICHI...
FROM THE SUKAMI **FAMILY OF EXORCISTS.**


BUT... AREN'T YOU HERE ALONE TODAY BECAUSE KYOUICHI-KUN WAS **BUSY?**
......
IT COULDN'T BE HELPED.
EVEN THOUGH TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY...
HE COULDN'T COME BECAUSE HE'S BUSY LOOKING FOR SOMEONE **IMPORTANT** TO HIM.
AS LONG AS THAT PERSON IS IN HIS HEART, I'LL ALWAYS JUST BE AN **AFTERTHOUGHT.**
HE'S A HORRIBLE MAN FOR HURTING YOU LIKE THAT, MAYUMI-NEECHAN.
IN THAT CASE...
splash
I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO HELP YOU CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY...
IN KYOUICHI-KUN'S PLACE!


NN...
WHAT HAPPENED...?
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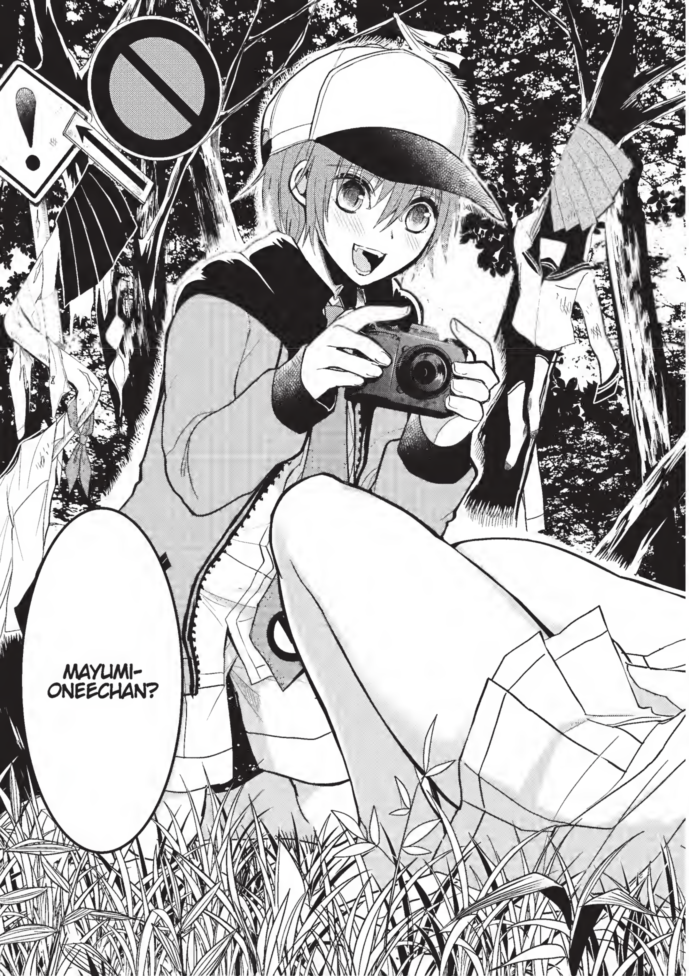
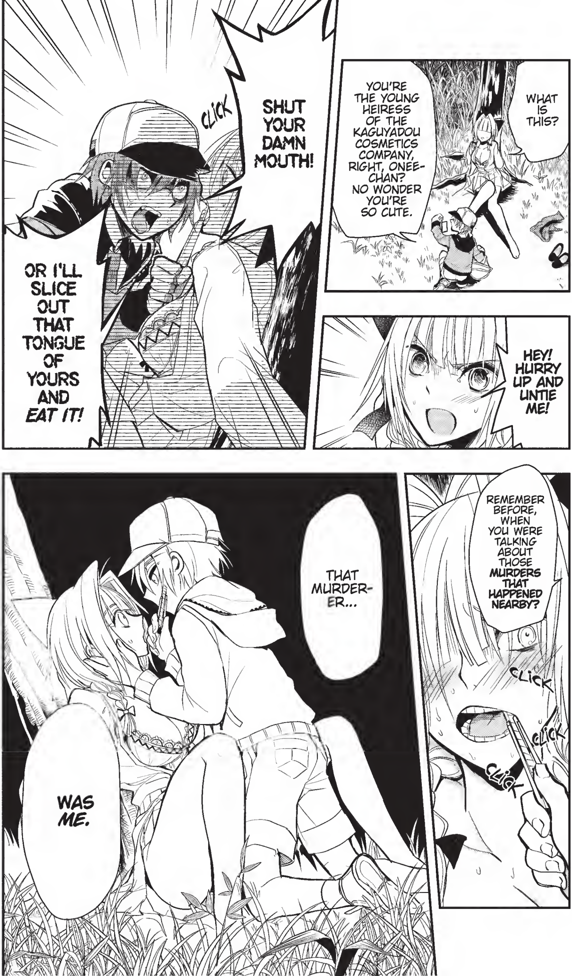
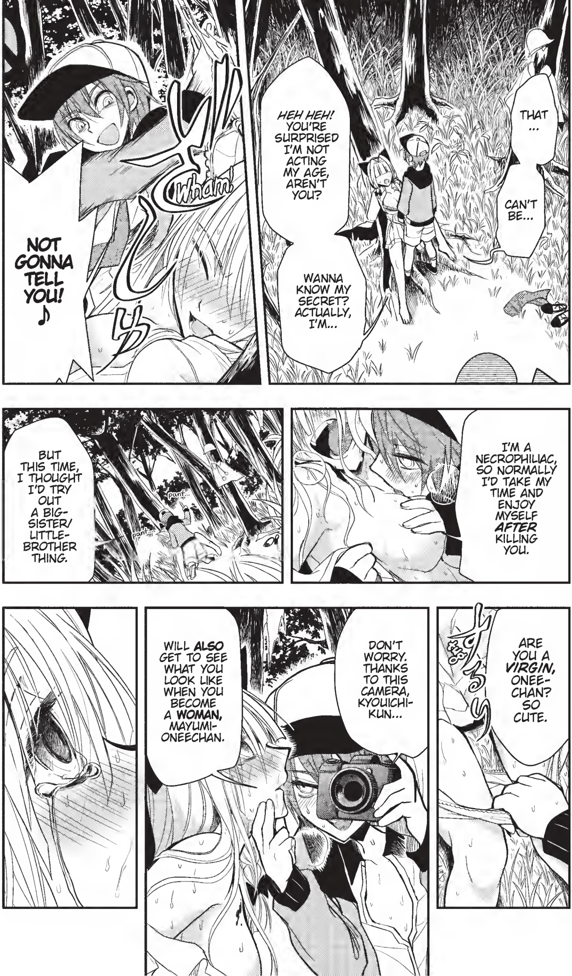
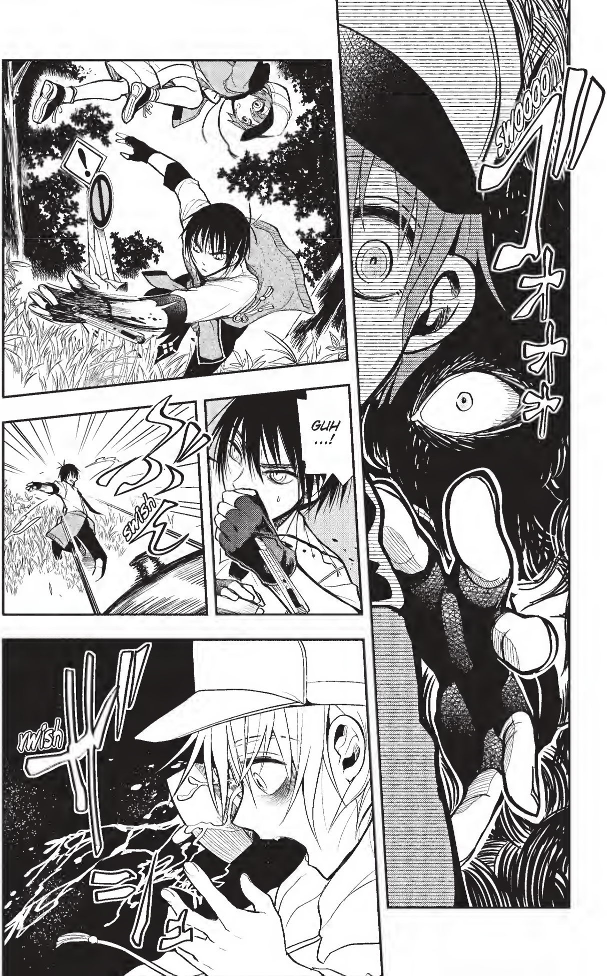
NN!
Hah?!
ARE YOU AWAKE...


MAYUMI-ONEECHAN?


WHAT IS THIS?
YOU'RE THE YOUNG HEIRESS OF THE KAGUYADOU COSMETICS COMPANY, RIGHT, ONEE-CHAN? NO WONDER YOU'RE SO CUTE.
HEY! HURRY UP AND UNTIE ME!
CLICK
SHUT YOUR DAMN MOUTH!
OR I'LL SLICE OUT THAT TONGUE OF YOURS AND *EAT IT!*
REMEMBER BEFORE, WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THOSE **MURDERS** THAT HAPPENED NEARBY?
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
THAT MURDERER...
WAS ME.


THAT ...
CAN'T BE...
HEH HEH! YOU'RE SURPRISED I'M NOT ACTING MY AGE, AREN'T YOU?
WANNA KNOW MY SECRET? ACTUALLY, I'M...
Wham!
NOT GONNA TELL YOU! ♪
I'M A NECROPHILIAC, SO NORMALLY I'D TAKE MY TIME AND ENJOY MYSELF ***AFTER*** KILLING YOU.
BUT THIS TIME, I THOUGHT I'D TRY OUT A BIG-SISTER/LITTLE-BROTHER THING.
pant...
pant...
ARE YOU A ***VIRGIN,*** ONEE-CHAN? SO CUTE.
tug
DON'T WORRY. THANKS TO THIS CAMERA, KYOUICHI-KUN...
WILL **ALSO** GET TO SEE WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE WHEN YOU BECOME A **WOMAN,** MAYUMI-ONEECHAN.


SWOOOO
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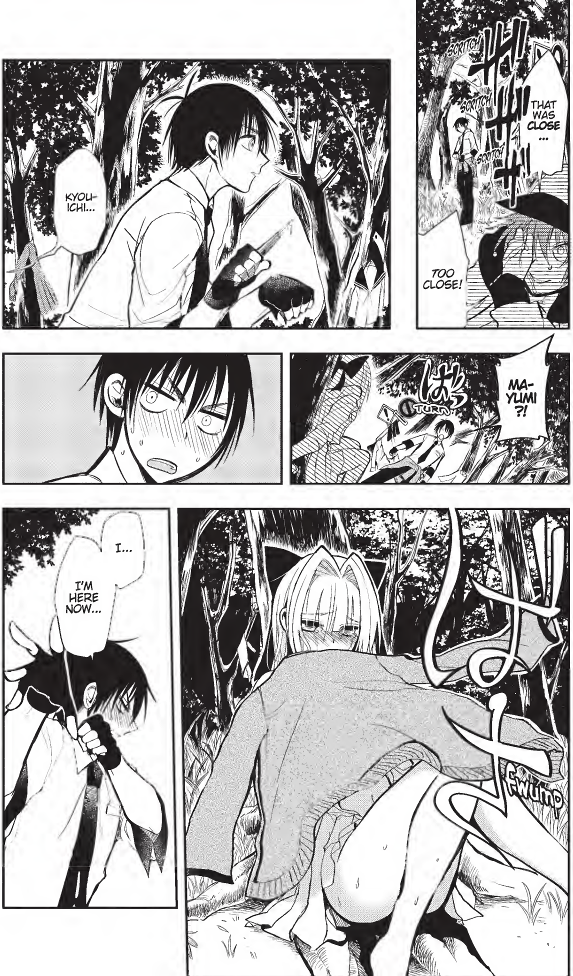
GUH ...!
swish
vwish


SCRITCH
SCRITCH
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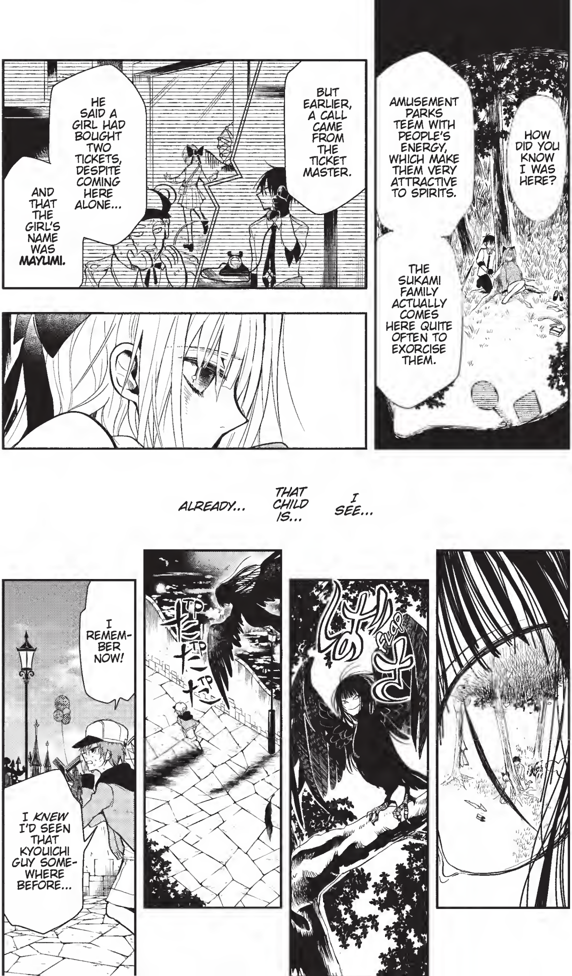
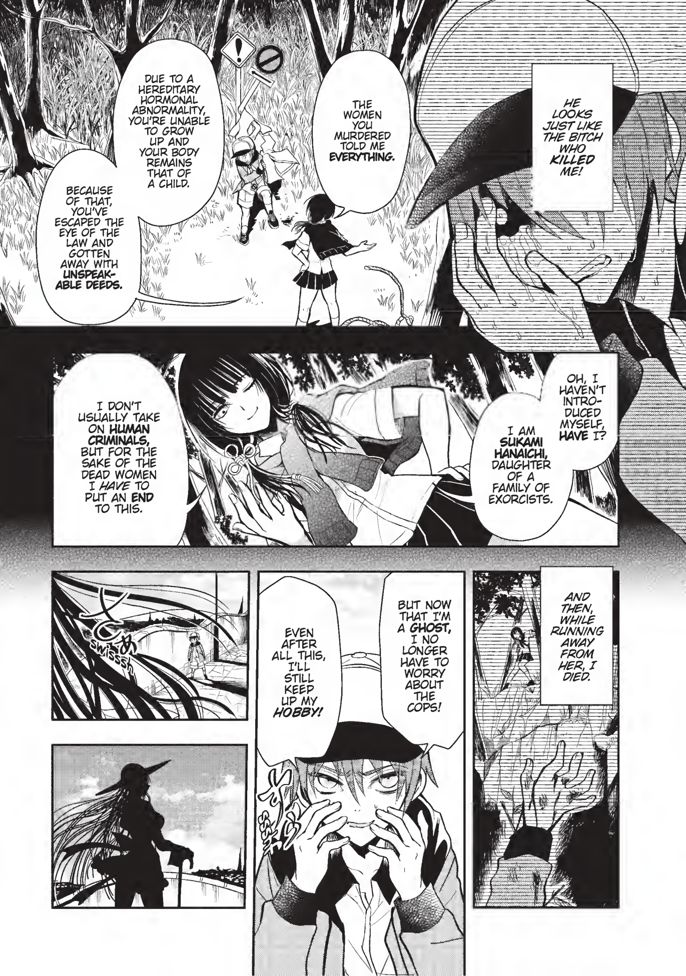
THAT WAS CLOSE...
TOO CLOSE!
KYOU-ICHI...
MA-YUMI?!
TURN
FWUMP
I...
I'M HERE NOW...


HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS HERE?
AMUSEMENT PARKS TEEM WITH PEOPLE'S ENERGY, WHICH MAKE THEM VERY ATTRACTIVE TO SPIRITS.
THE SUKAMI FAMILY ACTUALLY COMES HERE QUITE OFTEN TO EXORCISE THEM.
BUT EARLIER, A CALL CAME FROM THE TICKET MASTER.
HE SAID A GIRL HAD BOUGHT TWO TICKETS, DESPITE COMING HERE ALONE...
AND THAT THE GIRL'S NAME WAS **MAYUMI.**
I SEE...
THAT CHILD IS...
ALREADY...
FLAP
TP TP TP
I REMEMBER NOW!
I *KNEW* I'D SEEN THAT KYOUICHI GUY SOMEWHERE BEFORE...


HE LOOKS JUST LIKE THE BITCH WHO KILLED ME!
THE WOMEN YOU MURDERED TOLD ME EVERYTHING.
DUE TO A HEREDITARY HORMONAL ABNORMALITY, YOU'RE UNABLE TO GROW UP AND YOUR BODY REMAINS THAT OF A CHILD.
BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU'VE ESCAPED THE EYE OF THE LAW AND GOTTEN AWAY WITH UNSPEAKABLE DEEDS.
OH, I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF, HAVE I?
I AM SUKAMI HANAICHI, DAUGHTER OF A FAMILY OF EXORCISTS.
I DON'T USUALLY TAKE ON HUMAN CRIMINALS, BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THE DEAD WOMEN I HAVE TO PUT AN END TO THIS.
AND THEN, WHILE RUNNING AWAY FROM HER, I DIED.
BUT NOW THAT I'M A GHOST, I NO LONGER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE COPS!
EVEN AFTER ALL THIS, I'LL STILL KEEP UP MY HOBBY!
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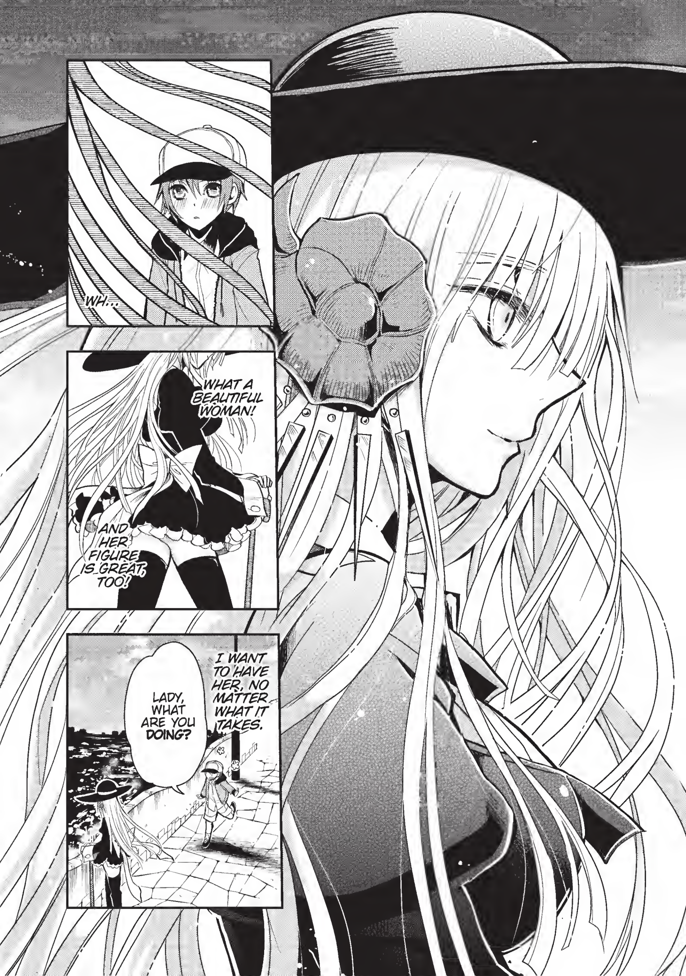
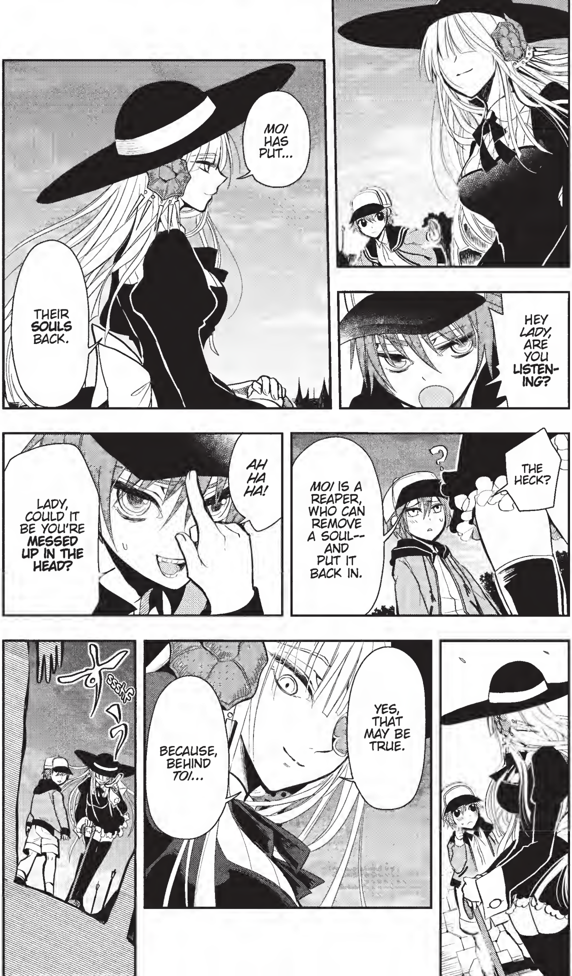
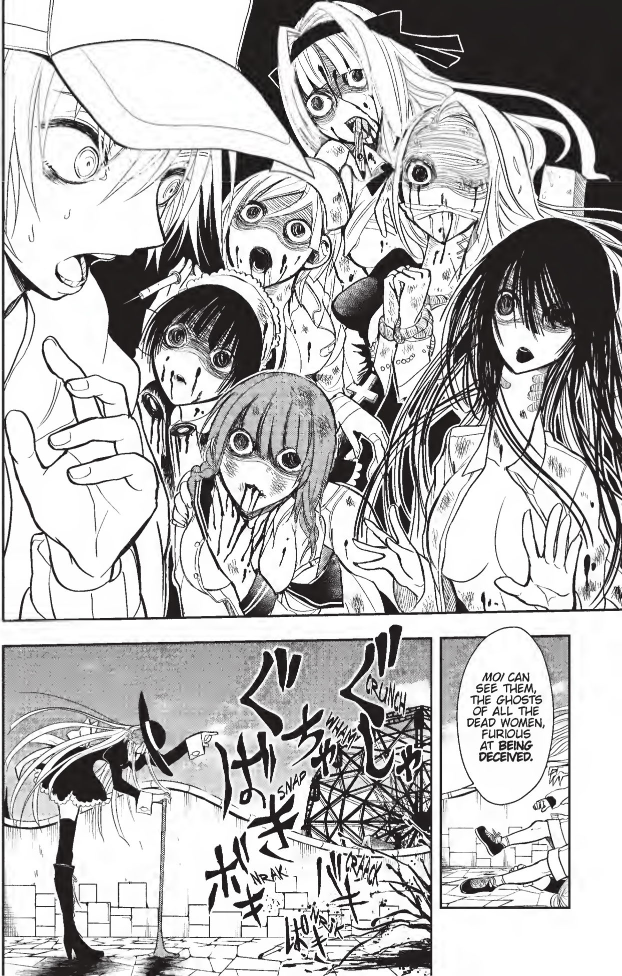
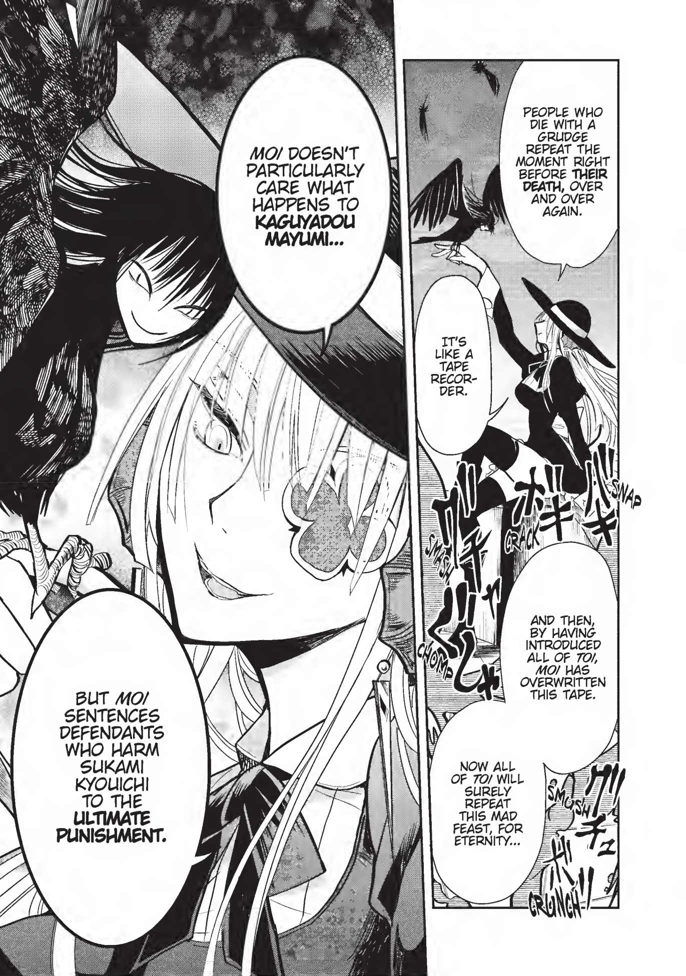
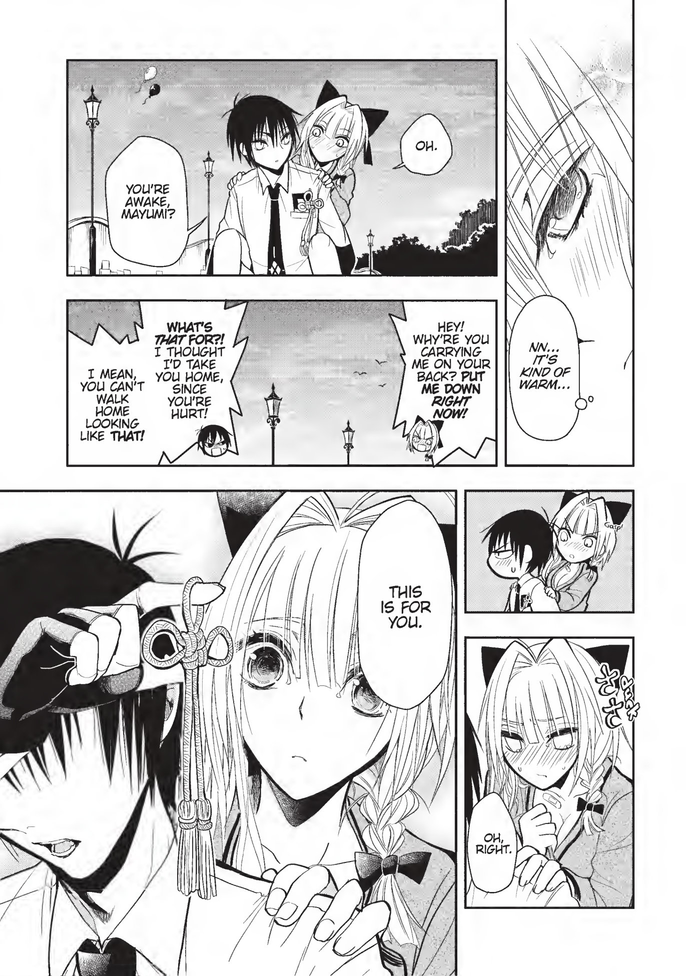
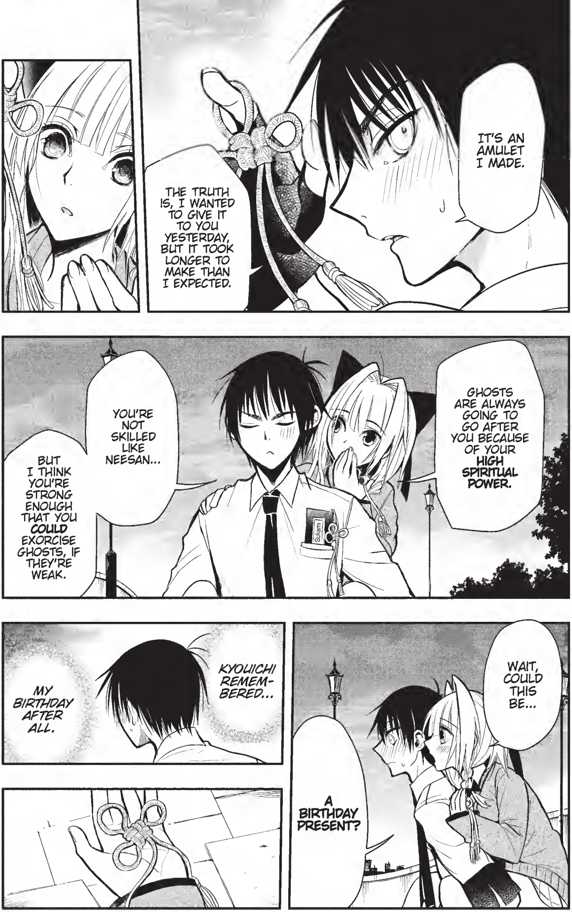

WH...
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN!
AND HER FIGURE IS GREAT, TOO!
I WANT TO HAVE HER, NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES.
LADY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

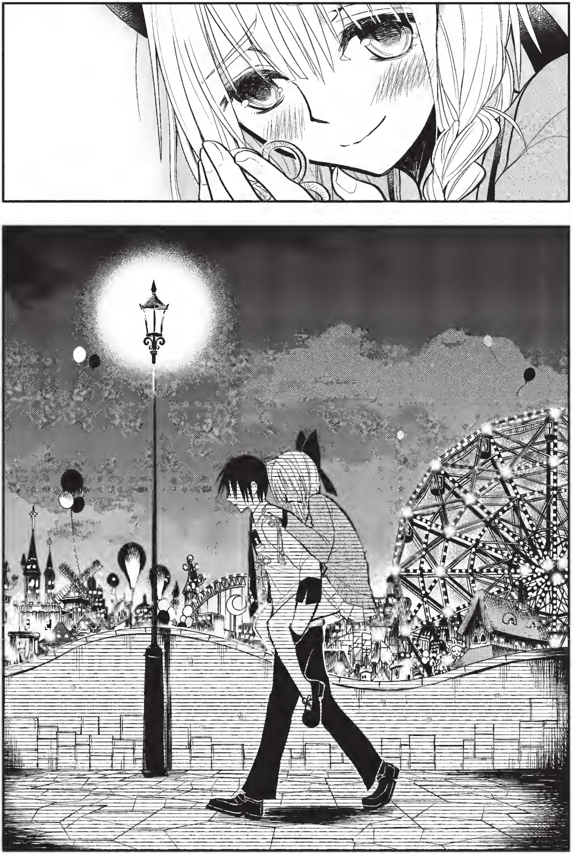

MOI HAS PUT...
THEIR SOULS BACK.
HEY LADY, ARE YOU LISTENING?
THE HECK?
MOI IS A REAPER, WHO CAN REMOVE A SOUL-- AND PUT IT BACK IN.
AH HA HA!
LADY, COULD IT BE YOU'RE MESSED UP IN THE HEAD?
YES, THAT MAY BE TRUE.
BECAUSE, BEHIND TOI...
SSSHF


MOI CAN SEE THEM, THE GHOSTS OF ALL THE DEAD WOMEN, FURIOUS AT BEING DECEIVED.
ぐじゃ CRUNCH
ぐちゃ WHAM
ばき SNAP
ボキ NRAK
バキ CRAACK
ぽキ NRIK

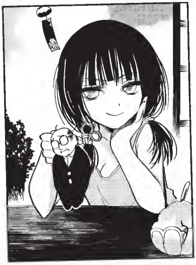

PEOPLE WHO DIE WITH A GRUDGE REPEAT THE MOMENT RIGHT BEFORE **THEIR DEATH**, OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
IT'S LIKE A TAPE RECORDER.
SNAP
CRACK
SMASH
CHOMP
AND THEN, BY HAVING INTRODUCED ALL OF *TOI*, *MOI* HAS OVERWRITTEN THIS TAPE.
NOW ALL OF *TOI* WILL SURELY REPEAT THIS MAD FEAST, FOR ETERNITY...
SMUSH
CRUNCH!!
MOI DOESN'T PARTICULARLY CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO **KAGUYADOU MAYUMI...**
BUT *MOI* SENTENCES DEFENDANTS WHO HARM SUKAMI KYOUICHI TO THE **ULTIMATE PUNISHMENT.**


NN… IT'S KIND OF WARM…
OH.
YOU'RE AWAKE, MAYUMI?
HEY! WHY'RE YOU CARRYING ME ON YOUR BACK? **PUT ME DOWN *RIGHT NOW!***
***WHAT'S THAT* FOR?!** I THOUGHT I'D TAKE YOU HOME, SINCE YOU'RE HURT!
I MEAN, YOU CAN'T WALK HOME LOOKING LIKE **THAT!**
Gasp!
duck
OH, RIGHT.
THIS IS FOR YOU.

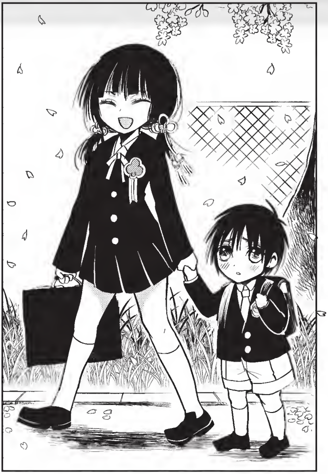

IT'S AN AMULET I MADE.
THE TRUTH IS, I WANTED TO GIVE IT TO YOU YESTERDAY, BUT IT TOOK LONGER TO MAKE THAN I EXPECTED.
GHOSTS ARE ALWAYS GOING TO GO AFTER YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR **HIGH SPIRITUAL POWER.**
YOU'RE NOT SKILLED LIKE NEESAN...
BUT I THINK YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH THAT YOU **COULD** EXORCISE GHOSTS, IF THEY'RE WEAK.
Sukami
WAIT, COULD THIS BE...
A BIRTHDAY PRESENT?
KYOUICHI REMEMBERED...
MY BIRTHDAY AFTER ALL.



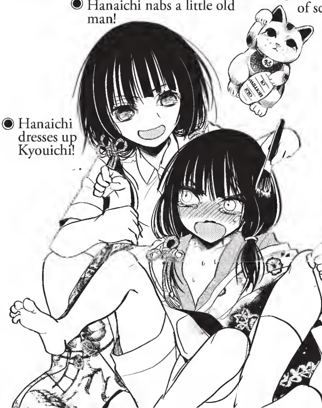
Sukami Family Album



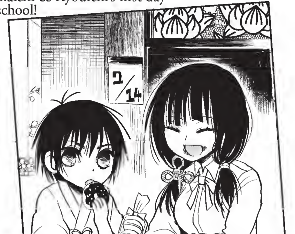
◉ Hanaichi nabs a little old man!



◉ Hanaichi & Kyouichi's first day of school!



◉ Hanaichi dresses up Kyouichi!



◉ Hanaichi is popular!

DADDY IS WORRIED...

Strange
Occultic
Young
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Manga
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Diary
eiju natsu megu
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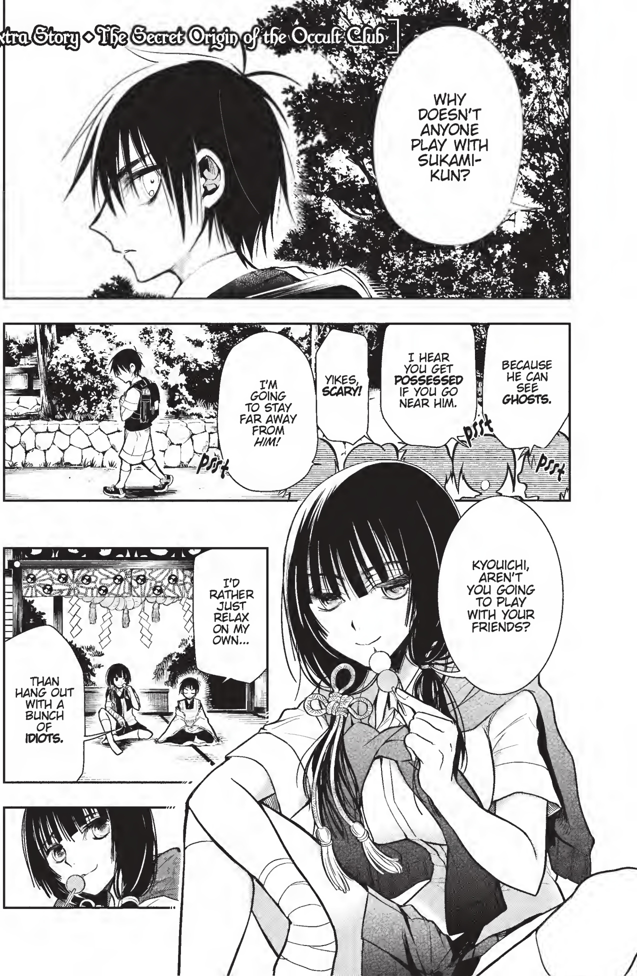
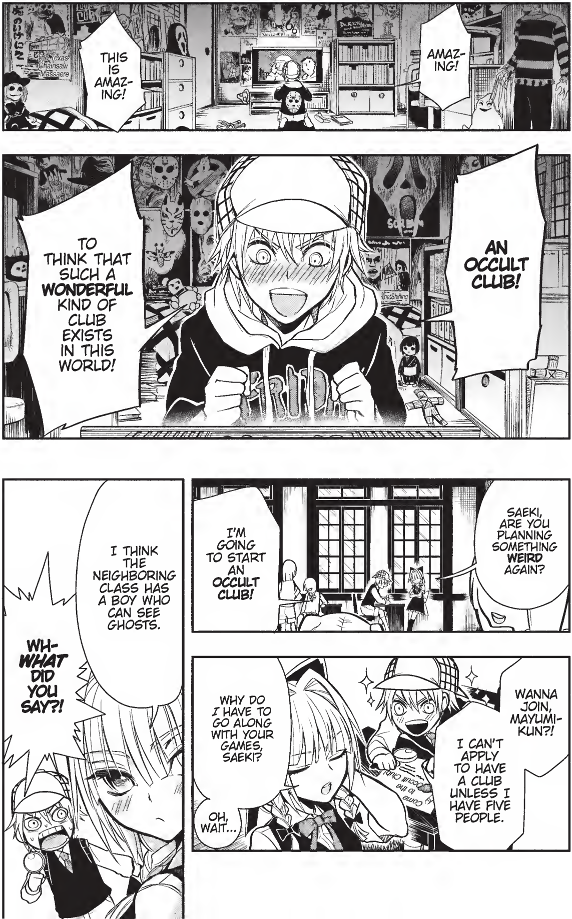
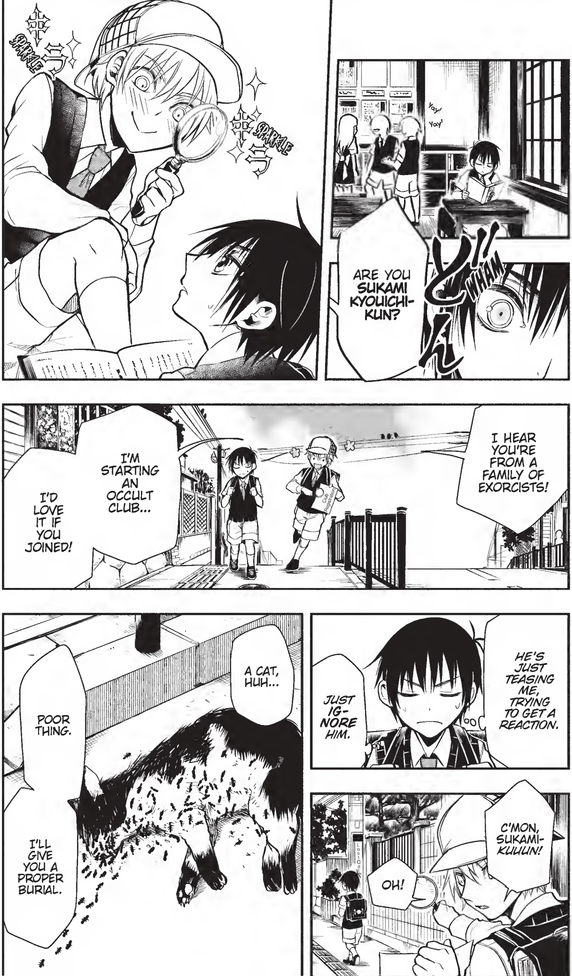
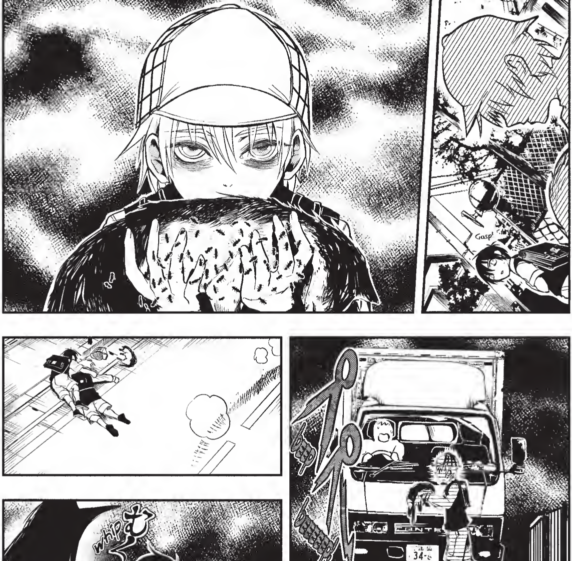
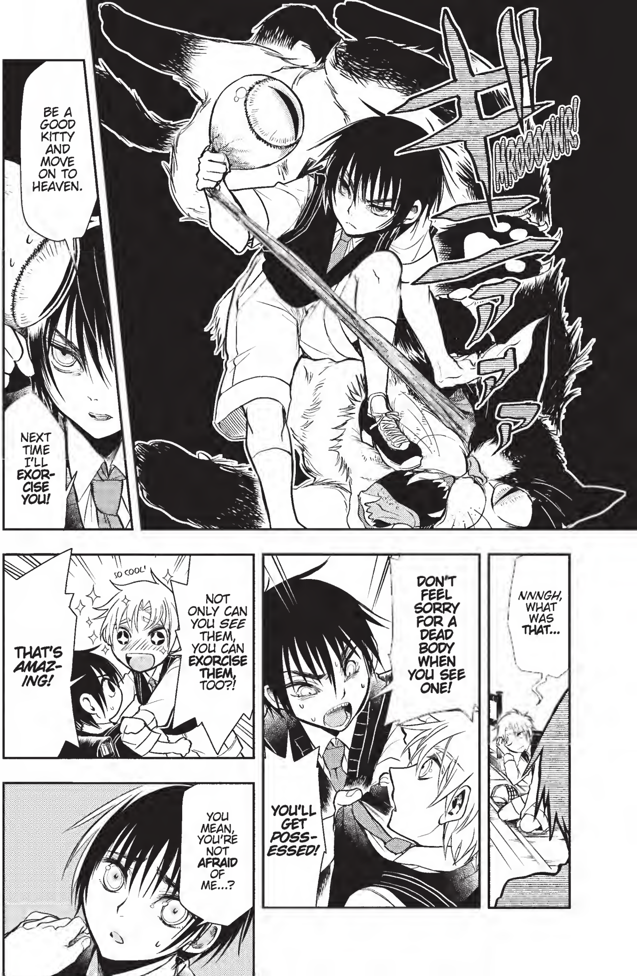
Extra Story ◆ The Secret Origin of the Occult Club


WHY DOESN'T ANYONE PLAY WITH SUKAMI-KUN?
BECAUSE HE CAN SEE GHOSTS.
I HEAR YOU GET POSSESSED IF YOU GO NEAR HIM.
PSSST
YIKES, SCARY!
PSSST
I'M GOING TO STAY FAR AWAY FROM HIM!
PSSST
KYOUICHI, AREN'T YOU GOING TO PLAY WITH YOUR FRIENDS?
I'D RATHER JUST RELAX ON MY OWN...
THAN HANG OUT WITH A BUNCH OF IDIOTS.


AMAZ-ING!
THIS IS AMAZING!
The Texas Chainsaw Massacre
AN OCCULT CLUB!
TO THINK THAT SUCH A WONDERFUL KIND OF CLUB EXISTS IN THIS WORLD!
The Shining
SAEKI, ARE YOU PLANNING SOMETHING WEIRD AGAIN?
I'M GOING TO START AN OCCULT CLUB!
WANNA JOIN, MAYUMI-KUN?!
I CAN'T APPLY TO HAVE A CLUB UNLESS I HAVE FIVE PEOPLE.
Come to the Occult Club
WHY DO I HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH YOUR GAMES, SAEKI?
OH, WAIT...
I THINK THE NEIGHBORING CLASS HAS A BOY WHO CAN SEE GHOSTS.
WH-WHAT DID YOU SAY?!


Yay!
Yay!
ARE YOU SUKAMI KYOUICHI-KUN?
どん
WHAM
キラ
SPARKLE
キラ
SPARKLE
I HEAR YOU'RE FROM A FAMILY OF EXORCISTS!
I'M STARTING AN OCCULT CLUB...
I'D LOVE IT IF YOU JOINED!
Club Registration
HE'S JUST TEASING ME, TRYING TO GET A REACTION.
JUST IGNORE HIM.
C'MON, SUKAMI-KUUUN!
OH!
Lost Cat
A CAT, HUH...
POOR THING.
I'LL GIVE YOU A PROPER BURIAL.


Gasp!
whip
むく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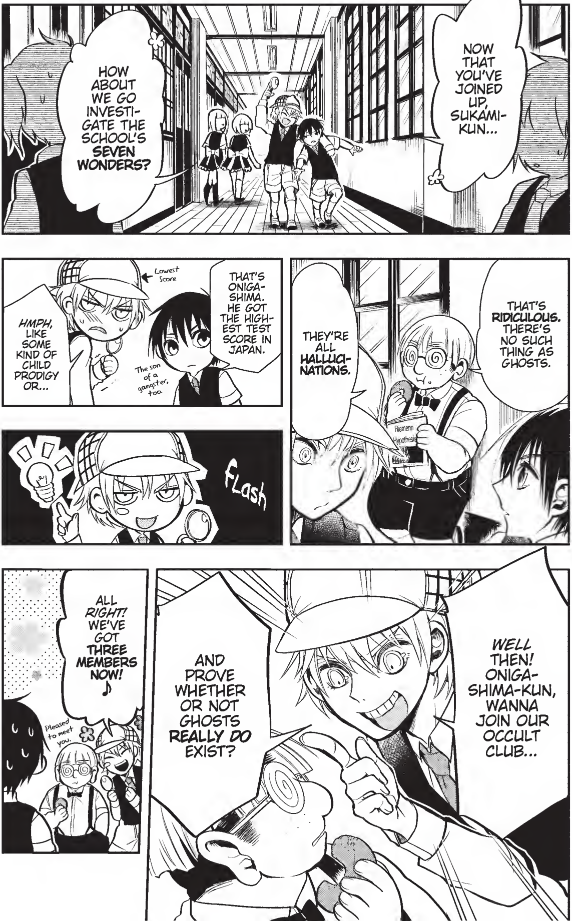
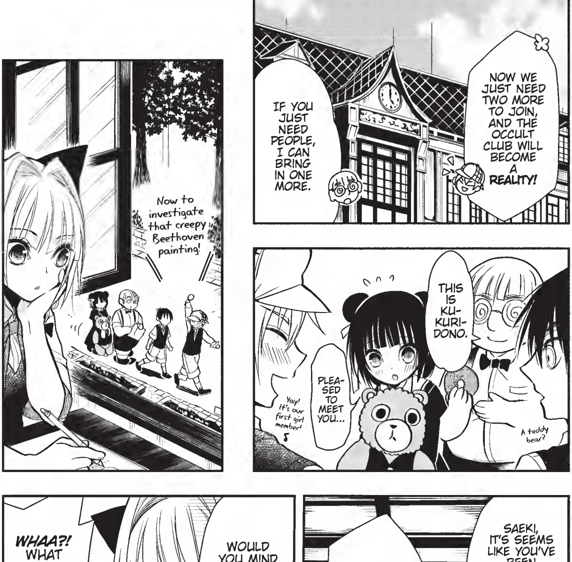
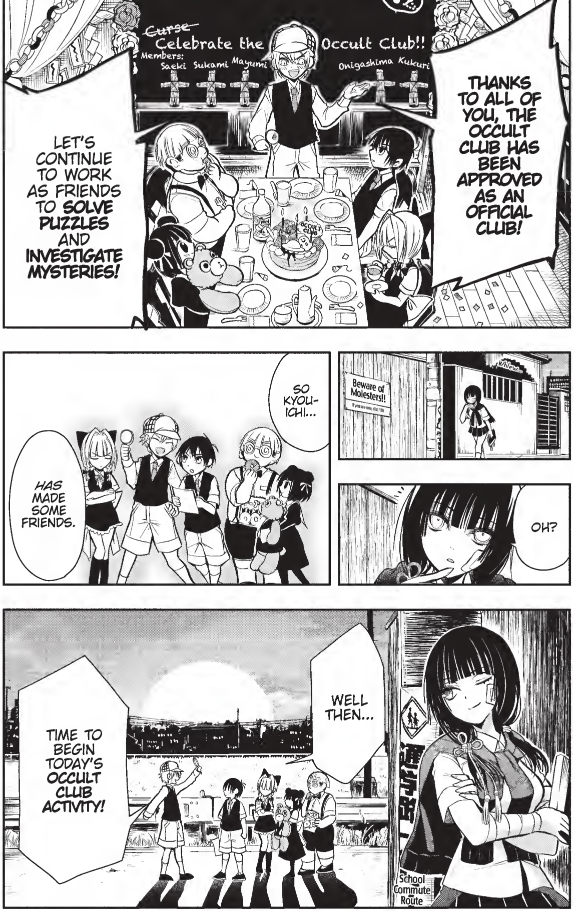
HROOOOWR!
BE A GOOD KITTY AND MOVE ON TO HEAVEN.
NEXT TIME I'LL **EXORCISE** YOU!
NNNGH, WHAT WAS THAT...
DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR A DEAD BODY WHEN YOU SEE ONE!
YOU'LL GET POSSESSED!
NOT ONLY CAN YOU *SEE* THEM, YOU CAN **EXORCISE** THEM, TOO?!
SO COOL!
THAT'S AMAZING!
YOU MEAN, YOU'RE NOT **AFRAID** OF ME...?


NOW THAT YOU'VE JOINED UP, SUKAMI-KUN...
HOW ABOUT WE GO INVESTIGATE THE SCHOOL'S **SEVEN WONDERS?**
THAT'S **RIDICULOUS.** THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS GHOSTS.
THEY'RE ALL **HALLUCINATIONS.**
Riemann Hypothesis
THAT'S ONIGASHIMA. HE GOT THE HIGHEST TEST SCORE IN JAPAN.
The son of a gangster, too.
Lowest Score
HMPH, LIKE SOME KIND OF CHILD PRODIGY OR...
Flash
WELL THEN! ONIGASHIMA-KUN, WANNA JOIN OUR OCCULT CLUB...
AND PROVE WHETHER OR NOT GHOSTS **REALLY *DO*** EXIST?
ALL *RIGHT!* WE'VE GOT **THREE MEMBERS NOW!** ♪
Pleased to meet you.


NOW WE JUST NEED TWO MORE TO JOIN, AND THE OCCULT CLUB WILL BECOME A **REALITY!**
IF YOU JUST NEED PEOPLE, I CAN BRING IN ONE MORE.
THIS IS KUKURI-DONO.
A teddy bear?
PLEASED TO MEET YOU...
Yay! It's our first girl member!
Now to investigate that creepy Beethoven painting!
SAEKI, IT'S SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME WITH SUKAMI-KUN LATELY.
YEAH, 'CAUSE HE JOINED THE OCCULT CLUB!
HMM ...
Arithmetic Grade 5
WOULD YOU MIND IF I JOINED THE CLUB TOO?
WHAA?! WHAT LED TO THIS **CURIOUS** TURN OF EVENTS?
I'm happy, though!
Mm-hmm...
MAYUMI-KUN, COULD IT BE THAT YOU *LIKE* SUKAMI-KUN?
smirk
smirk
IT'S NOT LIKE *THAT!*


~~Curse~~ Celebrate the Occult Club!!
Members: Saeki Sukami Mayumi Onigashima Kukuri
OCCULT CLUB
THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, THE OCCULT CLUB HAS BEEN APPROVED AS AN OFFICIAL CLUB!
LET'S CONTINUE TO WORK AS FRIENDS TO **SOLVE PUZZLES** AND **INVESTIGATE MYSTERIES!**
Whlew
Beware of Molesters!! If you see one, dial 110
OH?
SO KYOU-ICHI...
HAS MADE SOME FRIENDS.
WELL THEN...
TIME TO BEGIN TODAY'S **OCCULT CLUB ACTIVITY!**
通学路
School Commute Route

To Be Continued...

Commentary on the Work

1st Page ◆ { The Nameless God }
When I first started drawing this, big brother/little sister stuff was popular. So I thought, "Okay, I'll draw a weird big sister/little brother thing." However, the big sis logged-out in the first chapter. Also, would "Nameless God" be the nameless god's name?

2nd Page ◆ { The Reaper Chloe }
I really enjoyed drawing the Occult Club members all grown up. Also, it just made sense to find a reaper in an old hospital. The Winchester Mystery House has become a tourist destination, so if I could go to America, I'd definitely like to go there (laughs).

3rd Page ◆ { The Impassable Forest }
This feels like an introductory chapter for the Occult Club members. I worked very hard on the art. The model for the monster tree was from the urban legend "Devil's Tree" (a man-eating tree).

4th Page ◆ { The Phantom Macaron }
This is my own original urban legend.
I wanted a creature with a cute name but disgusting appearance (laughs).
I remember being surprised at how popular it was. After the little jokes about sweets and dressing as a girl, the final blow is painful....
I think I was able to draw a good story packed with my own sort of fascinations.

5th Page ◆ { The Unsolved Amusement-Park Murders }
What am I doing to these poor high-school students...?
It was my first time trying to use evening tone that I made myself, and I'm happy that it came out pretty in the printing.
Incidentally, the murderous child in the story has what's called "Highlander Syndrome."
If you develop this, your body doesn't grow older, I hear.
I'm extremely envious (laughs).

Extra Story ◆ { The Secret Origins of the Occult Club }
It's the Occult Club again as little boys and girls, for the first time in a while.

It was fun to draw Saeki's room. People who recognize all the horror movie shout-outs would likely be Saeki's new best friend (laughs).

{ Final Commentary }
◇ Well, that finishes the afterword.
Though *Ghost Diary* is my first series, it's the kind of weird stuff I love, which is why I can put my all into drawing it.

I would be very happy if you would also read volume 2.
With that said, let's meet again!

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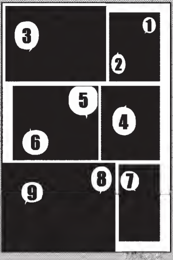

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